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NMI rep as resilient site nets PATA Gold awards

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The Marianas Visitors Authority has won its first Pacific Asia Travel Association Gold Awards under the Asia/Pacific Tourism Destination Resilience and Global Tourism Destination Resilience category.

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The Marianas Visitors Authority, represented by managing director Priscilla Iakopo, is recognized by the Pacific Asia Travel Association during the association's 38th annual Gold Awards virtual ceremony last Friday.

CNMI sees 1st gas price hike in months

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A Mobil Oil Marianas price board at a gas station in Garapan displays the new gas prices.

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After months of seeing a steady decline in fuel prices, the CNMI was hit with an unexpected increase yesterday, with local oil companies raising prices by 10 cents.

At around 4pm yesterday, Mobil Oil Marianas surprised consumers with an unexpected 10 cent increase.

Although Shell Marianas' prices remain the same as of 6pm press time, the company has traditionally mirrored each other's price increases.

As of yesterday, Mobil now charges $5.26 per gallon of its Extra fuel, increasing from $5.16. Similarly, Mobil's Supreme fuel has also increased

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1,668 requests for absentee ballots so far

» Friday is deadline to apply for absentee voting
» 1,542 absentee ballots mailed, 126 under review

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The Commonwealth Election Commission is reminding registered voters who will be off-island or away from the CNMI

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Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Kayla S. Igitol inspects yesterday the portable voting booths made of plexiglass-like material at the CEC conference room in Susupe. The CEC conference room is the designated early voting polling site for the Northern Islands. CEC has reminded voters that this Friday, Oct. 14, is the deadline to request for absentee ballots for the Nov. 8 general elections.

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Local

AS NOV. 8 GENERAL ELECTIONS GET CLOSER

OPA probes complaints on use of gov't time and property for political purposes

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The Office of the Public Auditor said Friday that it has recently received multiple complaints concerning the use of government time and property for political purposes.

If substantiated, these complaints amount to violations of the Commonwealth Ethics Code Act, which includes an absolute prohibition on the use of government time, money, or resources for political activity, according to interim public auditor Dora I. Deleon Guerrero.

In her memorandum addressed to all CNMI government branches, departments, agencies, public corporations, and autonomous agencies, Deleon Guerrero said this prohibition applies to all public officials and public employees.

"As we get closer to the election, OPA asks you to remind your employees of the absolute prohibition, to post this memorandum in a conspicuous place, and to report any inappropriate political activities to OPA," she said.

The general elections will be held on Nov. 8.

Deleon Guerrero said the recent complaints include allegations involving the selling of political fundraiser ticket for political candidates during work hours and the use of government computers and cellular phones to advertise political fundraising events and to solicit donations.

"These activities, if substantiated, would constitute criminal acts and subject participation of public employees and officials to judicial sanctions," Deleon Guerrero said.

She said other common unlawful activities in the government workplace include the sale of plate lunches to benefit a political candidate, sale of tickets to political fundraisers, and the recruitment of volunteers for political campaign activities.

The temporary public auditor said none of these activities should occur in government offices or on government time.

"Please assist OPA in upholding the law of the CNMI to keep politics out of the government workplace. Set the tone at the top so that such activities will not be tolerated," she said.

Deleon Guerrero warned that complaints will be investigated diligently and, when substantiated, referred for prosecution.

She said OPA is willing to conduct training on the Government Ethics Act if an office is interested.

'Good customer service impacts tourists and residents'

CHRYSTAL MARINO

The Rotary Club of Saipan presents a certificate of appreciation to guest speaker Jim Arenovski, of Island Training Solutions, following his presentation yesterday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan in Garapan.

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Describing how attitude plays a key role in the propagation and development of the CNMI, Island Training Solutions owner Jim Arenovski highlighted the importance of customer service with members of Saipan's Rotary Club during the club's luncheon yesterday at the Hyatt Regency in Garapan.

In connection with Rotary's theme "Community Economic Development," Arenovski illustrated the importance of an individual's attitude when working with customers. "I believe having staff, a community, and island with a great attitude will lead to friendly people, and improved customer service and [will] help our economy grow (it has certainly benefited my business) It also provides [that] people have optimism about the CNMI and the opportunities it presents," he said during his presentation.

He noted that many individuals may be hired for their skill at a certain job—referred to as "hard skill"—but often, when an individual is fired, it is for a lack of "soft skills," basically their attitudes. He said that attitudes should be one of the main focus of management when hiring, and good attitudes should be shown, and expressed, from the management down to employees. He described this attitude needed as the Yes Attitude. "The Yes Attitude also helps with the creative process of coming up with a solution to challenges. …Positive 'Yes' attitude people are looking for a challenge to help with, whether from our customers or coworker. …We work with the intent of solving customer issues effec-

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1 of 3 involved in Papago meth den pleads guilty

One of three defendants busted back in May for allegedly trying to smuggle methamphetamine through the U.S. Postal Service and running a meth den in Papago has pleaded guilty to the charges filed against her in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Li Hongjie, one of the three defendants who tried to smuggle meth or "ice" through the U.S. Post Office, has pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess methamphetamine with the intent to distribute.

District court Chief Judge Ramona Manglona accepted Li's guilty plea and set her sentencing for Jan. 13, 2023, at 9am before remanding her back to custody.

The court has since vacated all court proceedings for Li.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, Li and co-defendants Wang Huaishu and Ni Yongbing, were initially each charged with one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute a federally controlled substance, and conspiracy to maintain drug-involved premises.

The charges were filed after Division of Customs uncovered parcels addressed to the individuals containing methamphetamine, which later led to the discovery of a meth den in Papago.

The three defendants were arrested following an investigation led by the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force. The investigation was launched after the CNMI Customs and Biosecurity Division discovered over two pounds of methamphetamine in a USPS parcel addressed to Li's post office box in Chalan Kanoa.

John Henry Sablan, Customs Bureau of Contraband Enforcement captain, said the Customs officers found the two pounds of methamphetamine packed inside a shipment of glass vases.

"The package was in what looked like some temporary cardboard boxes, like our last seizure. The substance was found during a Customs routine inspection at the U.S. Post Office. It was packaged in some chinaware, specifically glass vases," he said.

After the interception, an investigation into the receiver of the package was launched, which ultimately uncovered a meth den in Papago where another 100 grams of meth were seized. Aside from the drugs, a large sum of cash was also found at the residence. ***(Kimberly B. Esmores)***

Man gets $5K bail for throwing cooler at neighbor's door

The Superior Court imposed a $5,000 cash bail on a man who was arrested for allegedly throwing a rock and a cooler at his neighbor's door in a fit of rage.

Superior Court associate judge Joseph Camacho imposed a $5,000 cash bail on Thomas Aquino Camacho on charges of disturbing the peace and vandalism.

The judge remanded Camacho back to Department of Corrections custody following the bail hearing and ordered the defendant to return to court on Oct. 13, at 10am for a preliminary hearing.

According to court documents, at around 2:21pm last Oct. 2, Department of Public Safety officers were called to respond to a call for police assistance at a residence in Chalan Kanoa.

The caller, MD Mehadi Hossain, claimed that his neighbor, Camacho, threw a rock and a cooler at his door and threatened his family.

Hossain told police that at around 2:15pm that day, he and his family were cleaning the inside of their house when they heard Camacho shouting and cursing outside of their main door.

Camacho then allegedly threw a rock at their metal screen door, which damaged the top portion of the door, followed by Camacho throwing a cooler that broke the door's metal handle.

In addition, Hossain said Camacho proceeded to the victim's front yard and threw the broken doorknob and cooler at the sliding door, which caused the metal mesh frame to rip.

This prompted Hossain to call authorities.

Aside from this incident, Hossain said Camacho has been harassing him and his family for several months.

Hossain mentioned that back in September, when Camacho was drunk, he would shout and kick their door saying, "You cannot stay here!".

On Sept. 22, at around 12pm, Hossain was outside his residence near his car when he saw Camacho standing outside his balcony.

Hossain alleges that Camacho lit a firecracker and threw it near him and his car.

After Hossain moved his car and made his way to his house, Camacho allegedly said, "Why did you move your car? I'm going to kill you, guys. Don't run away. If I find any of you…I'm going to kill you, guys. This is my island, go back to your guys' island." ***(Kimberly B. Esmores)***

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Small craft advisory until Friday

A small craft advisory is currently in effect in the CNMI until Friday afternoon. This means wind speeds of 21 to 33 knots are expected to produce wave conditions hazardous to small craft.

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Guam and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point, southwest winds of 15 to 25 knots are present on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota coastal waters from 6am yesterday through 6pm Friday. Conditions will be hazardous to small craft.

NWS said that strong southwest monsoonal winds moved into Guam and Rota coastal waters yesterday, which then spread north into Tinian and Saipan waters last night.

Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid boating in hazardous conditions. ***(PR)***

Flood watch on Rota

A flood watch is now in effect until this afternoon, Wednesday, on Rota.

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Guam and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point, flooding caused by excessive rainfall is possible on Rota through Wednesday afternoon.

Excessive runoff may result in flooding of rivers, creeks, streams, and other low-lying and flood-prone locations. Flooding may occur in poor drainage and urban areas. Low-water crossings may be flooded.

Rota residents are encouraged to monitor later forecasts and be alert for possible flood warnings. Those living in areas prone to flooding should be prepared to take action should flooding develop. If living near streams and rivers, prepare to move items away from stream and riverbanks. Make sure storm drains nearby are not clogged, especially in low-lying areas. ***(PR)***

As Matuis, San Roque, Achugao, Tanapag

There is an ongoing emergency water service interruption in the areas of As Matuis, San Roque, Achugao, and Tanapag that started yesterday, Oct. 11, 2022, at 3:30pm that will last until today, Oct. 12, 2022, at 6am.

This is due to the loss of power supply to seven ground water production wells and one booster station in the As Matuis area. Power Distribution and Transmission linemen of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. are currently assessing the overhead power system to the affected facilities. Water service to the affected areas will resume once the power supply has been restored and the water tank meet sufficient water level today, Oct. 12, at 6am.

CUC continues to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its customers. For more information, contact the CUC Customer Hotline at 236-4333 or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates. ***(PR)***

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., at the Tinian Health Center (Conference Room), San Jose Village, Tinian.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY
- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of the Agenda
- D. Adoption of Minutes
  - • September 12, 2022 (Regular Meeting)
  - • September 30, 2022 (Special Meeting)

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS*
III. OLD BUSINESS
- A. Review of Fall 2022 Scholarship Applications with Pending Issues

IV. NEW BUSINESS
- A. Review and Discussion of all Communications to the Board or Individual Members

V. MISCELLANEOUS
VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION
VII. ADJOURNMENT

/S/Rodney S. Cabarles
Chairman

[1] We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments on the day of the meeting.
[2] Pursuant to 1 CMC section 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.
[3] Individuals with special needs requiring special accommodations, please contact the TMSB office at least 48 hours prior to schedule meeting for assistance.

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
RFP22-CHCC/NCDB-027

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: OCT. 17TH, 2022 TIME: 10:00AM (CHST)

"NCD-CHW 2022 PROGRAM EVALUATION"

INTERESTED PARTIES CAN DOWNLOAD THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FROM THE CHCC WEBSITE [WWW.CHCC.HEALTH]. ONCE AT THE SITE, NAVIGATE TO **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS** TAB ON THE LEFT NAVIGATION BAR. CLICK ON THE URL FOR THIS RFP. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER DATA TO ALLOW US TO TRACK ALL REQUESTS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

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/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA
CHCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

/S/ CORA P. ADA
DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

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"COMPREHENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT APPLICATION"

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-23-001

Sewer Main and Manhole Replacement Project (Chinatown and Navy hill)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Sewer Main and Manhole Replacement Project (Chinatown and Navy Hill) in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists of the installation of gravity sewer main, new service laterals, connection to existing service laterals, and the installation of sewer manholes.

The project is funded by a grant from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and CUC. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from ARPA.

CUC requires the project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of **$200.00** for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **October 17, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-23-001, Sewer Main and Manhole Replacement Project (Chinatown and Navy Hill)"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 7, 2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A Bid Guarantee of not less than fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the Unites States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety.

A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 21, 2022** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to Larry Manacop, Acting Chief Engineer for Water/Wastewater via email at larry.manacop@cucgov.org, Joel Puyat, CUC's Water/Wastewater Engineer via email at joel.puyat@cucgov.org and Ms. Christie L. Sablan CUC's Procurement & Supply, Senior Administrative Technician. via email address at christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Atalig opposes bill that increases tobacco taxes, suggests tax on remittance money

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Rota Mayor Efraim M. Atalig expressed opposition yesterday to a bill that seeks to bring tobacco taxes to the recommended level, tie the tax rate to inflation, and invest revenues from the tax into health promotion and disease prevention.

Speaking before a public hearing on House Bill 22-54 at the Rota Mayor's Office conference hall conducted by the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs, Atalig believes it's not the right time for this legislation. Instead, he suggested having some sort of tax on the remittance money leaving the Commonwealth.

The House had already passed the bill and it is now before the Senate for action. Rep. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan) is the principal author of the legislation.

The bill seeks to update the definition of tobacco products in the CNMI's excise tax laws; bring tobacco tax rates to the recommended level; set tobacco tax rates to increase with inflation; and invest tobacco tax revenues in health promotion and disease prevention and control programs in the CNMI.

Atalig believes that the $4 per pack of cigarettes or so is "a little too steep" for people.

"Perhaps maybe it can be lowered to $2 or so," Atalig said.

He said the Legislature or the House of Representatives should be looking at other funding sources, such as the remittance because those are funds that exit the CNMI.

"And it's not…it's never going to come back. Therefore, I believe we should have some sort of tax on those remittances leaving the Commonwealth," the mayor said.

At the start of the public hearing, committee chair Sen. Victor Hocog (R-Rota) said this particular bill was brought up before the budget bill for government's operations in fiscal year 2023 was passed by the Legislature.

Hocog said with this particular idea to increase the tobacco tax and sugar sweetened beverages tax, the House made this a rider to the budget bill and was passed by the members of the House.

Fortunately, he said, when the bill reached the Senate, they agreed with their legal counsel that this particular legislation should be done as a standalone bill and not as a rider on the budget appropriations act.

Hocog said it's the reason why the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs is now conducting a public hearing on a single legislation to determine whether the bill merits action in the Senate.

"So your comments this afternoon will really help the committee come out with their answer as to whether the bill should move forward, or we should be hold back at this time," the senator told the public.

In passing the bill, the House found that the CNMI's public health and health care infrastructure lacks the funding necessary to prevent and offset the negative health effects of tobacco use, and to establish sustained non-communicable disease and risk factor prevention and control programs.

The House determined that the bill will ensure that 45% of the cigarette tax will be for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s activities relating to the monitoring or morbidity and mortality in the CNMI from illnesses that are caused or exacerbated by tobacco use, and for other health care purposes.

SHRM to present Employment Law Update

The Society for Human Resources Management CNMI Chapter will host a general membership meeting at the Regency Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Saipan on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022, starting at 8am. Doors will open at 7:30am.

Our presenter, Vince Camacho, the managing principal of the law firm Camacho Calvo Law Group LLC and SHRM Guam's VP of Legislative Affairs, recently attended the 2022 SHRM Workplace Policy and Employment Law and Compliance Conferences in Washington, D.C. Camacho will provide an employment law update at the federal level, to assist you in staying compliant with the latest employment laws and regulations. Some of the topics to be discussed include:

- EEOC and Immigration Policy Updates
- Newly Enacted Workplace Laws and Regulations
- Issues Currently Before the Courts
- Workplace Legal Challenges and Opportunities
- How COVID has changed ADA accommodations

The following fees apply: $30 for members; $35 for non-members.

This meeting will include lunch. Seating is limited and by submitting this form you are confirming your attendance on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022 at 8am to 10am.

One person per one entry. One representative may submit multiple entries for each participant under their company.

SHRM is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. The CNMI Chapter is affiliated with the national organization. ***(PR)***

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by 10 cents from $5.61 per gallon to $5.71, while diesel went up by 25 cents from $6.28 per gallon to $6.53.

Individuals who had just gotten off from work and stopped by to fill up their tanks were blind-sided by the unexpected increase.

"I really thought the rollbacks would continue to the end of the year. I really wasn't expecting to come up to the tank to see gas had gone up again," said a 38-year-old motorist.

Another motorist expressed that she didn't expect the rollbacks to last but she was hoping gas would stay the same until at least December.

"Gas used to go down around this time of year so I'm surprised that it went up today. But if you really think about it, the downward trend wasn't going to last," she said.

Meanwhile, a gas attendant said he was also shocked to hear about prices increasing.

"When I came in and heard about the increase, I was shocked because I kept hoping that we were going to see prices get lower. I was wrong. I should've filled my tank yesterday," he said.

The CNMI experienced months of back-to-back fuel price rollbacks since July. The last increase in fuel prices were seen in early June.

For the past few months, the CNMI has seen a consistent downward trend in fuel prices.

Starting in the first week of July, the CNMI saw a series of rollbacks with fuel dropping from $6.56 per gallon of regular fuel from the beginning of the month, to $5.16.

The first rollback was seen on July 5, with local oil companies reducing their prices by 15 cents from $6.56 to $6.41.

Then in the early hours of July 7, the CNMI saw the largest rollback by far when oil companies dropped their prices by 25 cents from $6.41 to $6.16.

The third rollback of July was seen last July 14, with fuel prices dropping to $6.01.

The fourth rollback was seen last July 20 with fuel dropping another 15 cents from $6.01 to $5.86.

Then, just six days later, on July 26 the last rollback for the month of July brought fuel down from $5.86 to $5.71.

The next rollback was seen around the first week of August when fuel went from $5.71 to $5.61.

Then, in the first week of September, gas dropped again by another 20 cents bringing fuel down from $5.61 to $5.41, followed by yet another rollback on Sept. 20, with gas prices dropping to $5.26 per gallon.

Before the months end, on Sept. 28, fuel dropped again by another 10 cents from $5.26 per gallon to $5.16.

AWARDS

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According to a social media post made by PATA headquarters, out of 136 participants, the CNMI, through the representation of MVA, came out on top in this year's PATA Gold Awards.

"Congratulations to the winning projects that stood out from 136 entries in this year's PATA Gold Awards, with two new Tourism Destination Resilience awards introduced to highlight the need to focus on a more resilient and sustainable future. The winning Gold Award projects are truly deserving of the honor for continuing to set the industry standard for excellence and innovation," PATA HQ stated.

Under the leadership of MVA managing director Priscilla Iakopo, MVA staff submitted an application for the 38th annual PATA Gold awards.

"This year PATA added two new categories: Asia/Pacific Tourism Destination Resilience and Global Tourism Destination Resilience awards," Iakopo explained.

Iakopo said it is an honor for MVA to receive such a prestigious award as the CNMI was competing against numerous other destination sites in the Asia-Pacific region.

"The MVA is pleased to share that the Marianas won the Global Tourism Destination Resilience PATA Gold Award. It is truly an honor to win this Global Tourism Destination Resilience award as we competed with other destinations," she said.

The 2022 PATA Grand and Gold Awards recognize the achievements of separate organizations and individuals. The ceremony was presented during the Virtual Awards Ceremony last Friday, Oct. 7, 2022.

This year's event attracted a total of 136 entries from 56 travel and tourism organisations and individuals.

BALLOTS

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during the early voting period and on Nov. 8 general elections that this Friday is the deadline to request for absentee voting by electronic/mail.

CEC executive director Kayla S. Igitol also disclosed that, as of yesterday, a total of 1,668 voters have requested for absentee ballots and 1,542 have already been mailed.

Igitol said they have been reviewing 126 requests and the absentee ballots will be sent out today, Wednesday.

"My message to the voters is get your absentee requests or come down to our office if you are leaving before early voting and request for an over-the-counter ballot," she said.

To apply for absentee voting, voters just need to visit the CEC website and fill out the absentee request form.

"The link is there also in our website," Igitol said.

Igitol said they check the applicants if they're still registered and if they are registered off-island.

"There's a process that goes through and then the files are manually pulled out their registration and attached to their application," she said.

The executive director said they have not encountered any problem with processing requests for absentee ballots.

CEC started accepting request for absentee ballots last Aug. 25.

With respect to early voting for the Northern Islands, Igitol said it's been slow, but almost close to 70% have already voted.

Early voting for Northern Islands, which started last Sept. 23, will end on Nov. 7.

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tively and with speed. In the unlikely event 'Yes' people cannot solve the problem, they come up with alternatives and work with their team to get a positive result."

Arenovski highlighted that if good attitudes and customer services are focused on and emphasized more, the CNMI as a whole will be enhanced. "For improving tourism, I hear a lot about destination enhancement. These usually come in the form of projects, cleanups, paint, bush-cutting, etc. Look I agree, but in my opinion, it cannot all be infrastructure-related. I have been around long enough to know paint is not the whole answer. People are the answer. They always have been and always will be. I rarely hear efforts involving 'people enhancement.'"

"Business and government could spend some of that time, money and effort on people. Painting the railing at Mt. Tapochau or having shiny trash bins are not going to overcome the bad service tourists got at a restaurant or the lack of greeting when they get off the plane or when they got checked in at the hotel. …It is ironic that business don't spend equal time and money on improving service and attitude of those same employees. If we collectively spend more time improving attitudes and service knowledge with the people who represent the image of your business/community /island, this will help make the guest experience great and, in turn, our community will have better employment, better opportunities and, if they are great a customer service, great upward job mobility."

He stated that even language barriers shouldn't hinder friendliness to others. "Tourists can eat food, snorkel, go out and have a cocktail anywhere, so when they come to the CNMI… we must make it special, we must make the experience a great friendly experience. And that is through our people."

Arenovski added "I am a believer in the people and especially the people of the CNMI. I have trained, employed, and developed literally hundreds of people. There is huge raw talent in our local workforce just waiting to be tapped, they just need developing. …By providing workers with attitude/customer service training and awareness, this will help tourists and residents alike."

"My message today is that choosing to help ourselves and others have a better attitude, certainly a Yes attitude, will improve one's outlook, a company's outlook, an island's outlook. This, along with more traditional destination enhancement efforts, will start to move the CNMI to being a top destination for travelers in our region," he said.

His company, ITS, is the regional partner for American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute and has launched the jobs creation program with AHLEI, starting through teaching hospitality in 2014 and seeing 1,500 residents land positions.

In May, the company was awarded distributorship with a company called Certiport for all of Micronesia. They sell globally recognized online certifications to businesses, government agencies and schools. "Certifications from Microsoft, Apple, Adobe, Autodesk, Intuit, project development, cyber security, and even entrepreneurship are all available to help anyone in the CNMI," Arenovski said. "We have launched the first entrepreneurship certification course with PSS this semester at RHI and are working to expand this important skill set to our youth."

CNMI awarded $1.9M in outdoor recreational funding

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The Koblerville Recreational Park was designed and planned meticulously by the 2022 Summer Youth Employment Program summer interns of the Office of Grants Management & State Clearinghouse.

The U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service has announced $1,901,200.00 in Land & Water Conservation Fund State Assistance funding to benefit the preservation and development of outdoor recreation opportunities throughout the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The assistance granted to benefit the CNMI is as follows:

■ $900,000: PakPak Beach Recreational Park (Saipan). The park is positioned along one of the most accessible beach areas in the southern point of the island, making it a popular site for picnics and water-based activity. The PakPak Beach Recreational Park will feature various outdoor recreational alternatives on site—a large central pavilion along with three outlying pavilions to serve as picnic or general gathering areas; outdoor picnic areas with grill stations; an all-inclusive playground system that is accessible to all ages and abilities; a parking lot and walkways that are ADA-compliant; and outdoor beach shower stations. Solar PV systems will be installed to the pavilions for lighting. The project also aims to renovate the restroom facilities that are located on site, which have been inaccessible to the public for some time now due to damage.

■ $645,600.00: Koblerville Recreational Park (Saipan). Nestled between Chalan Msgr. Martinez and Koblerville Road (near Tottotville entrance), the construction of a recreational park will provide a play and exercise area for children of all ages, genders, ethnicities, and abilities and create the opportunity for the community to promote an overall healthier and happier lifestyle. The park will feature an all-inclusive playground system that is accessible to all ages and abilities; and will also be fitted with added play units that will service the general play area. Pavilions will be constructed to serve as picnic or general gathering areas for those utilizing the park area with multiple outdoor picnic areas also being made available on site. Added amenities to the site will include ADA-compliant walkways and parking areas, and perimeter fencing for added security. Solar PV systems will be installed to the pavilions and added points around the park for lighting.

■ $177,800.00: As Matmos Park (Rota). The intent of the As Matmos Park project proposal is to improve the functionality of the popular fishing site and make it more purposeful to those who utilize the recreational area. The project aims to construct a pavilion to serve as picnic or general gathering areas for those utilizing the park area, as well as, outdoor picnic areas with grill stations. Solar PV systems will be installed to the pavilions for lighting. The site will also feature an ADA-compliant concrete walkway equipped with security fencing that leads out to the look-out point. The project also intends to install a restroom facility on site equipped with a multi-purpose water tank.

■ $177,800: Pona Point Park (Rota). The intent of the Pona Point Park project proposal is to improve the functionality of the popular fishing site and make it more purposeful to those who utilize the recreational area. The project aims to construct a pavilion to serve as picnic or general gathering areas for those utilizing the park area, as well as outdoor picnic areas with grill stations. Solar PV systems will be installed to the pavilions for lighting. The site will also feature an ADA-compliant concrete walkway equipped with security fencing that leads out to the lookout point. The project also intends to install a restroom facility on site equipped with a multi-purpose water tank.

The Land & Water Conservation Fund State Assistance Program was established to assist in the preservation and development of outdoor recreation so that such resources may be available for an individual's active participation in such recreation and to strengthen the health and vitality of the citizens of the community. These funds may be in support of a wide range of outdoor recreation uses, such as community parks, playgrounds, picnic areas, campgrounds, trails, and outdoor sports facilities; as well as for certain indoor infrastructure that supports these activities such as restrooms.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres commended the staff and management of the Office of Grants Management & State Clearinghouse for working on the technical proposals and ensuring that all submissions contained the required site development plans, preliminary engineering designs, and boundary maps.

"Parks and outdoor recreational sites are important for the Commonwealth and its people; they provide an outlet to gather, bond with family and friends, and to enjoy our island's natural and scenic beauty," said Torres. "I will continue to push for more outdoor facilities and to find funding for more lighting at our basketball courts, pathways, and other recreational sites."

Epi Cabrera, who is the administrator for the Office of Grants Management & State Clearinghouse, would like to recognize that one of the submissions, particularly the Koblerville Recreational Park, was designed and planned meticulously by our 2022 Summer Youth Employment Program summer interns. Architects and a panel of business executives were present during the intern's park development presentation, allowing the interns to receive immediate feedback on zoning requirements, setbacks, building code requirements, and possible park features that would work best with the population.

"I am very proud of all our summer interns; they had a challenging undertaking, but they learned the grant writing process, the procurement process, called for quotations, visited the site and performed measurements and crafted renderings all within a two-week time frame. Now in a few months, their vision will come to fruition," Cabrera said.

The 2022 Summer Youth Interns included: Kinamarie Dela Cruz, Alexis Cabrera, Kim De Belen, Sophia Cornelio, Mercedes Cabrera, Rhone De Ocampo, Ierlyma Deleon Guerrero, and Nevaeh Cruz.

"Unfortunately, OGM-SC was not able to submit proposals for Tinian due to LWCF requirements on structure type with Tinian's proposed project; however, the Municipality of Tinian has informed OGM-SC that they will submit these requirements before the closing of the next funding cycle in December 2022," Cabrera added.

Furthermore, OGM-SC, alongside the Municipality of Rota staff, are working on securing necessary earthmoving permits from local permitting agencies before the projects are announced for construction bidding.

Call OGM at 670-664-9994/5 if you have any questions regarding future outdoor recreational ideas. For future reference, LWCF does not provide funding for the maintenance and operations of outdoor recreational sites and facilities. ***(Office of the Governor)***

CNMI Women's Affairs Office to hold Empowering Women for Success '22

The CNMI Women's Affairs Office would like to invite the public to register and join their event: Empowering Women for Success 2022.

This event includes an empowering experience in preparing and presenting your best self for your dream job or career, which features mini-workshops and activities with agencies, organizations, and employers in the CNMI.

This event will be held on Oct. 14, 2022, from 9am to 1pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, and is open to the first 100 to register at shorturl.at/cFIU3.

For any additional inquiries or questions, contact the CNMI Women's Affairs Office at (670) 488-2658. ***(PR)***

A NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS SOCIAL SERVICE

KARIDAT

JOB VACANCY ANNOUCEMENT

ONE (1) FULL TIME SHELTER WORKER

For more information, job description and application can be obtained from Karidat Main Office at Sister Remedios Community Center Chalan Kanoa.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED: Complete application form, copy of diploma, resume, police clearane valid within 6 months and a copy of valid CNMI driver's license.

NO PHONE INQUIRIES PLEASE.

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2022 AT 4:00PM

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 06-2022

Opening date: October 06, 2022 **Closing date:** October 27, 2022

Location: SAIPAN		SALARY
Positions:	(1) ARFF General Maintenance	PL 3/1 to 3/12 ($8.01/hr. to $13.70/hr.)
	(1) ARFF Mechanic II	PL 6/1 to 6/12 ($9.27/hr. to $15.85/hr.)
	(1) Custodial I	PL 1/1 to 1/12 ($7.26/hr. to $12.42/hr.)
	(1) AOA Controller-I	PL 5/1 to 5/12 ($8.83/hr. to $15.10/hr.)
Location: ROTA		SALARY
	(3) Ports Police/ARFF Trainee	PL 5/1 ($8.83/hr.)
Location: TINIAN		SALARY
Positions:	(2) General Maintenance I	PL 2/1 to 2/12 ($7.63/hr. to $13.04/hr.)

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official sealed transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the ***CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport or CPA Administration Office Tinian International Airport or Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport***. Failure to provide any of the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening, 10-year Criminal History Record Check and 49 CFR Part 1542.209(d) Requirements. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents to the CPA Administration Office (Saipan) or at the Tinian International Airport or Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport is no later than **5:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 27, 2022**.

Detailed information on qualifications and position descriptions for the above positions may be picked up along with the application form from Monday-Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., except on holidays, at the CPA Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Arrival Terminal or CPA Admin. Office at the Tinian International Airport or at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport. For additional information, please contact the CPA Human Resources Office by email at lorna.tenorio@cnmiports.com or by phone at (670)237-6500.

CPA is an Equal Opportunity Employer and CPA hires those who are legally entitled to employment in the CNMI.

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

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Request for Proposals for: CPA Concession No. CRS-2022-01

Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport
"Car Rental Concession"
CPA-RFP-011-22

The Commonwealth Ports Authority ("CPA" or "Authority") is soliciting proposals for the award of one (1) concession granting the privilege to provide motor vehicle rental services to the traveling public (including the provision of insurance related to motor vehicles rented in the operation of such motor vehicle rental services) at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport ("Car Rental Concession"). The successful proposer will be expected to provide motor vehicle rental services in accordance with its concession and concession agreement at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport for a period of eighteen (18) months (contract to end on 05/31/2024) upon entering into a concession agreement with the Authority.

The date of issuance of CPA-RFP-011-22 is **October 12, 2022**, and it can be obtained at the issuing office: CPA Administration Office, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, Second floor of Arrival terminal at the Saipan International Airport.

Proposals must be addressed to Commonwealth Ports Authority, Attn: Car Rental Concessions Evaluation Committee, CPA Administration Office, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950; and submitted to and received by the CPA Administration Office (second floor of arrival terminal at the Saipan International Airport) **by or before 4:00 p.m. on November 22, 2022**, at which time the proposal period shall expire. Proposals must be accompanied with a non-refundable administrative fee of $100.00. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, or cashier's check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority to defray the costs associated with handling and considering the proposal. Proposals are not required to include a prepaid minimum concession fee.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to cancel this RFP and to reject any and all proposals in accordance with its Concession Regulations (NMIAC Chapter 40-70).

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Free electric fans to be given out today and tomorrow

The CNMI Office of the Governor, through the CNMI Energy Task Force, will be giving out 18" assembled pedestal/standing electric fans today and tomorrow in a drive-thru event for Saipan residential households.

Continuing its ongoing efforts to promote conservation and reduction of energy use, the CNMI Energy Task Force will be hosting the Energy Conservation Outreach distribution this Oct. 12 and 13 at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center from 3pm to 6pm. About 1,000 electric fans will be given out on each day.

To avail of a standing fan, residential homeowners must present a copy of a valid government-issued identification card and submit a hard copy of a most recent Commonwealth Utilities Corp. utility billing. There is a limit to one fan per CUC utility billing. Sub-metered households are allowed, but these residents should submit a copy of the master CUC meter account bill. Furthermore, the ETF will be tracking CUC account numbers to prevent repeats.

The public is advised to have all documents ready, expect traffic congestion, have enough space in your vehicle for the new fan, and to extend courtesy and patience to others while waiting in the drive-thru event. No walk-ins will be entertained for this event.

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With limited supply for this event, items will be available for distribution on a first-come, first-served basis throughout the specified time only, while supplies last.

Due to the continuing threat of COVID-19, the public is required to observe and comply with all health and safety protocols. Masks are required at all times during the program event hours of operations. All vehicle operators and passengers must remain in their vehicles at all times and must follow all posted event signs and obey all event traffic flow signs.

For Rota and Tinian residents, fans will be distributed in the upcoming weeks as the ETF and the Division of Energy prepare for the shipment and handling of the units. ***(Office of the Governor)***

Bill seeks to appropriate $502,030 from Tinian Diamond Casino

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas (R-Tinian) has pre-filed a local bill that would appropriate $502,030 in fees collected from the Tinian Diamond Casino for the personnel and operations of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission for fiscal year 2023.

San Nicolas stated in the local bill that the funds available for appropriation for fiscal year 2023 is the $500,000 in casino license fee and the $2,030 in casino service industry fee for fiscal year 2023, for a total of $502,030.

San Nicolas

The Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation is obliged to enact a Tinian Local Budget for fiscal year 2023 on or before Oct. 1, 2022. San Nicolas said, however, that the delegation did not receive any notice of estimated gaming revenue projection for fiscal year 2023 until Oct. 6, 2022.

He said the Office of the Tinian Municipal Treasurer transmitted a communication dated Oct. 6, 2022, to the delegation identifying local revenue for fiscal year 2023 in the amount of $502,030 that is available for appropriation.

Under the Tinian Local Law 21-9, casino licensees are required to renew their licenses upon its expiration. Failure to renew a conditional or plenary license upon expiration shall be grounds for the revocation, suspension, or termination of a casino license.

San Nicolas said the Tinian delegation finds that the identified local revenue for fiscal year 2023 is insufficient to satisfy in full all the personnel and operation expenses of the TCGCC, Office of the Mayor of Tinian, and the Tinian Municipal Treasurer up to the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30, 2023.

Upon the identification of additional gaming funds, he said the delegation shall immediately appropriate the additional funds for the programs.

The mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan shall be the expenditure authority of the funds appropriated to the Office of the Mayor, the Office of the Municipal Treasurer, and public programs.

The TCGCC chairman shall be the expenditure authority of the funds appropriated to the Commissioners Division and the Enforcement Division of the TCGCC.

The chairperson of the Tinian Municipal Council shall be the expenditure authority of the funds appropriated to the operations of the Tinian Municipal Council.

He said vacant positions for full time employees hall not be announced or filled without certification of available funds by the Tinian municipal treasurer and approved for expenditure by the respective authority.

San Nicolas said zero-funded positions or FTEs shall not be filled and funds appropriated shall not be reprogrammed to fund zero-funded positions for FTEs.

He said the funds appropriated pursuant to this Act shall not be used to increase the salary of any employee or position from its current level or new level.

San Nicolas said TCGCC and the Tinian municipal treasurer, through the mayor, shall provide revenue projections and proposed appropriations on or before June 1, 2023.

He said the delegation shall pass a balanced budget by Oct. 1, 2023, unless all casino operations have shut down or gaming funds are not available.

Marianas Agupa to host BOE forum

The Marianas Agupa Radio Talk Show will be hosting the Board of Education Forum between the current board member, Andrew Orsini, and his challenger, Robert Harrell, on Oct. 15, 2022, at 10am via virtual appearances.

This comes as people will be making their decision on who to vote for on Nov. 8, 2022, based on their policy stances of our schools in the Commonwealth if elected to seat as member of the Board of Education.

The language during this forum will be either in Chamorro or English and the order to respond to a question shall be by the candidates' number on the ballot- No. 1; No. 2.

Each of the candidate shall be given up to three minutes for an opening statement.

All the candidates will be asked general questions regarding schools in the Commonwealth; proposed policy change; administration; students' achievement; question(s) asked by a reporter from our local newspaper; and a few questions will be taken from the general public.

All the candidates shall be given up to three minutes for a closing statement. A rebuttal on the Q&A segment is not allowed. The forum will be moderated by the radio show's host, Glenn H. Manglona.

The show is from 9am to 11am on Magic 100.3 FM. It will also be streamed via https://tunein.com/radio/KWAW-FM-1003-s43718/ and Marianas Agupa YouTube Channel and Marianas Agupa Facebook page. ***(PR)***

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Seventeenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. via google hangouts at meet.google.com/oph-pcwk-nog

AGENDA[1]

I. Preliminary
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda

II. Public Comments[2]

III. Reports
1. Commissioner of Education
a. Financial Status Report
i. Federal
ii. Local
b. Others

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business
1. Infinite Campus Cost Analysis
2. Tyler Munis Cost Analysis
3. FY 2023 Local Budget
4. Proclamations:
a. 2022 Bullying and Violence Prevention Month
b. 2022 Education Month
c. 2022 Head Start Awareness Month
5. Head Start Program
a. Supplemental COP One-Time Grant Application
b. One-Time HI-OP Grant Application
6. SY 21-22 Annual Report
7. Resolution for Board Members' Transfer
8. Inter-Island Travel Report
9. Cost Analysis for Low-Lying Schools on Rafts & Life Jackets
10. Retention Incentive Pay
11. Certification & Licensure Matter
a. CLO Report No. 2022-17-07
b. CLO Report No. 2022-17-08

VI. Executive Session[3]
1. Legal Updates
2. Personnel
3. Other matters

VII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board Meeting

VIII. Adjournment

[1]In the event that the items on the agenda are not completed, the meeting will recess and reconvene on the following day or at the most expeditious date and time determined by the Board.
[2]Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments
[3]Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION
Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPENING DATE: October 12, 2022 CLOSING DATE: October 27, 2022 TIME: 4:00 P.M.

NMHC JVA NO.	Positions:	Salary:
2022-035	1- Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) Program Administrative Specialist	$25,000.00 per annum - UNGRADED

Employment application form, detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information may be accessed at www.nmhcgov.net.

Applicants may submit their applications through the following options: Submission at the at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan; or at the Drop Box located in front of the NMHC Central Office building; or email application and documents to officemanager@nmhcgov.net.

All applicants must complete and submit the NMHC Employment Application Form together with required documents that are listed in the Employment Application Package. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. NMHC and all its properties are drug-free zones; therefore, selected applicant will be subject to pre-employment drug screening.

It is the policy of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) that the merit system will be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by its personnel regulations and the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place of origin.

For inquiries, please contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager, at (670) 234-6866/9447or by email to officemanager@nmhcgov.net . NMHC is a fair housing agency and an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.

/s/
JESSE S. PALACIOS
Corporate Director

CHCC holds first mobile clinic outreach at CLI

HALINA PALACIOS

The CHCC Mobile Clinic Outreach team poses with with staff and consumers of the Center for Living Independently. Medical and patient navigation services were provided to both staff and consumers for CHCC's first outreach in its newest addition to outpatient care services: CHCC Mobile Clinic.

In collaboration with the Center for Living Independently, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Family Care Clinic and Health Disparities Program completed their first Mobile Clinic Outreach and provided services at the CNMI Center for Living Independently on Oct. 3, 2022, for consumers and their immediate family members.

The CHCC Mobile Clinic outreach team provided services from 8am to 12pm and saw a total of 23 individuals with disabilities. Medical services provided ranged from adult routine check-up with a medical provider, nurse visits for vital signs, and administration of flu vaccines.

Additionally, the Health Disparities Program community health workers were able to assist patients in scheduling upcoming medical appointments at their preferred primary care clinic, referrals to internal and external programs, and assist with filling out applications for Medicaid.

The CHCC Mobile Clinic outreach team consisted of Family Care Clinic staff Christine Strong, physician assistant; and Abbys Mitchell, FCC Clinic manager/registered nurse—all of whom have years of experience providing medical services and care to the CNMI public. The Health Disparities Program—consisting of Halina S. Palacios, chief of Clinic Services; Evonnie Pangelinan, program coordinator; Raynalynn Sablan, program administrative assistant; Robin Romero, community health worker team lead; Tiffany Mae Deco, health worker; and Thomas Joe Dela Cruz, community health worker/driver—have been working diligently to ensure the success of the launching of the CHCC Mobile Clinic outreach operations.

The Health Disparities Program will be conducting their next outreach at Northern Marianas College on Oct. 14, 2022, from 8am to 12pm. Target population will be NMC faculty and students, but walk-ins are available to the general public. The following services will be provided: Pap smears, breast exams, prenatal care, post-partum care, family planning, health education resources, referral services and testing for sexually transmitted infections or diseases.

For additional information on CHCC Mobile Clinic Outreach operations and schedule, contact the Health Disparities Program at (670) 234-8950 ext. 2016 or (670) 287-9926. ***(CHCC)***

GCC now accepting applicants for Truck Driving Boot Camp

Guam Community College is accepting applications for its fourth Truck Driving Boot Camp, which begins on Nov. 1, 2022. Maximum class size for this boot camp is 20, so all interested applicants are encouraged to complete the online form of interest at https://guamcc.edu/GCCBootCamps by 5pm, Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022.

Participants must be at least 18 years of age, have a high school diploma or equivalent, receive health clearance from GCC Student Health Center, must be unemployed or underemployed, and possess a valid B Class License.

Participants will be provided with both classroom and hands-on training needed to pass the Department of Revenue and Taxation Division of Motor Vehicles Class C License test. Successful boot campers will also receive certificates in OSHA-10 and be trained in Heartsavers (CPR/First Aid), Work Ethic, and WorkKeys.

Commercial truck drivers are in high demand in Guam and across the nation. The GCC Truck Driving Boot Camp IV gives successful completers the training and knowledge needed to enter this in-demand, high-paying industry. GCC's Truck Driving Boot Camps have already produced 24 C-licensed truck drivers.

Since GCC first offered boot camps in 2018 there have been 472 participants with 424 of those earning their certificates. This is a 90% completion rate in all GCC boot camps, including bus driving, construction, ship repair, information technology, child care, diesel mechanic, medical home health aide, and certified nursing assistant just to name a few. There are 16 more boot camps slated to start before the end of 2022.

For more information on the truck driving boot camp or any other boot camp offered at GCC, contact the Continuing Education and Workforce Development department at 671-735-5640 Ext. 5411 or 5412. ***(GCC)***

North Korea says US carrier's return aggravates tensions

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea warned Saturday the U.S. redeployment of an aircraft carrier near the Korean Peninsula is causing a "considerably huge negative splash" in regional security, as it defended its recent missile tests as a "righteous reaction" to intimidating military drills between its rivals.

The North Korean Defense Ministry statement came a day after the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan began a new round of naval drills with South Korean warships off the peninsula's east coast. The Reagan and its battle group returned to the area after North Korea fired a powerful missile over Japan earlier this week to protest the carrier group's previous training with South Korea.

The Reagan's redeployment is "an event of considerably huge negative splash to the regional situation," an unidentified spokesman at the North Korean Defense Ministry said in remarks carried by state media. "The armed forces of (North Korea) is seriously approaching the extremely worrisome development of the present situation."

He also called the Reagan's return "a sort of military bluffing" to issue a warning over North Korea's "righteous reaction" to "the extremely provocative and threatening joint military drills of the U.S. and South Korea."

North Korea regards U.S.-South Korean military exercises as an invasion rehearsal and is especially sensitive if such drills involve U.S. strategic assets like an aircraft carrier. North Korea has argued it was forced to pursue a nuclear weapons program to cope with U.S. nuclear threats. U.S. and South Korean officials have repeatedly said they have no intentions of attacking the North.

In the past two weeks, North Korea has fired 10 ballistic missiles into the sea in five launch events, adding to its record-breaking pace of weapons tests this year. The recent weapons tests include a nuclear-capable missile that flew over Japan for the first time in five years and demonstrated a range to strike the U.S. Pacific territory of Guam and beyond.

Earlier this year, North Korea tested other nuclear-capable ballistic missiles that place the U.S. mainland and its allies South Korea and Japan within striking distance.

North Korea's testing spree indicates its leader, Kim Jong Un, has no intention of resuming diplomacy with the U.S. and wants to focus on expanding his weapons arsenal. But some experts say Kim would eventually aim to use his advanced nuclear program to wrest greater outside concessions, such as the recognition of North Korea as a legitimate nuclear state, which Kim thinks is essential in getting crippling U.N. sanctions on his country lifted.

The Reagan carrier group's latest training with the South Korean navy is to end on Saturday.

South Korean officials recently said North Korea was also prepared to test a new liquid-fueled intercontinental ballistic missile and a submarine-launched ballistic missile while maintaining readiness to perform its first underground nuclear test since 2017.

The U.S. carrier USS Ronald Reagan is escorted as it arrives in Busan, South Korea on Sept. 23, 2022. AP

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Trump's Supreme Court request highlights Thomas' indefensible refusal to recuse

Former President Donald Trump's strained attempt to pull the U.S. Supreme Court into his fight over classified documents has highlighted, once again, something even more outrageous: Justice Clarence Thomas' continuing refusal to recuse himself from cases involving Trump despite the justice's marriage to one of Trump's most vocal, prominent and extremist followers.

At issue is the bizarre tug-of-war between Trump and the Justice Department over classified U.S. government documents that Trump took to his Florida home and refused to give back until a court-ordered search seized them. Trump has offered shifting rationales for his claim to them, including the novel argument that he declassified them without actually going through any kind of declassification process. Many of the documents are now under review by a lower-court-appointed special master to determine if Trump has any legitimate claim to them.

But an appellate court has ruled that review can't include some of the most sensitive classified documents. Trump is asking the Supreme Court for an emergency stay to reverse that part of the appellate opinion—to rule, essentially, that even highly classified government secrets should be reviewed to determine if Trump can keep storing them in his basement even though he apparently has no legal right to possess them at all.

It's a procedural coincidence that Trump's request is directed specifically at Thomas, his staunchest ally on the bench. Requests to the court are divided among the justices by geographical area, and Trump's case happens to fall within Thomas' jurisdiction. But it should provide a useful test of whether Thomas is still concerned with even the appearance of even-handedness regarding Trump. The signs aren't good.

In January, Thomas cast the sole vote in support of Trump's attempt to block Congress from seeing records regarding the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol. It later came out that Thomas' wife, Ginni Thomas, a prominent conservative activist, had inundated the administration with texts encouraging Trump's attempts to overturn the 2020 election.

That and other examples of Ginni Thomas' MAGA fanaticism led to calls for Justice Thomas to recuse himself from future cases involving Trump, but he has declined to. Under current rules, no one can make him; no previous court apparently envisioned a sitting justice who was both married to an outspoken ideologue and unwilling to responsibly take himself off cases in which a clear conflict of interest was evident.

Thomas will now have the power to decide what happens next with Trump's request. Experts say the likeliest course in such cases is that he will refer it to the full court. But in theory, he could simply grant the requested emergency order. Whatever he does, only Thomas and his wife will know how much of it was based on jurisprudence, and how much of it was right-wing pillow talk.

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India's balancing act on Russia is getting trickier

By MIHIR SHARMA
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India's official position on the Russian invasion of Ukraine is notoriously hard to pin down. Within the last two weeks alone, Prime Minister Narendra Modi publicly reproved Russian President Vladimir Putin, telling him that "this is not the era for war."

But then India, as a member of the U.N. Security Council, abstained on a vote condemning Moscow's "annexation" of Ukrainian territory. To add insult to injury, Modi also told Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy there was "no military solution" to the conflict—just as the Ukrainian army was blitzing across parts of northeastern and southern Ukraine.

To questions being asked—including by Indians—about this somewhat confusing stand, the government has a clear answer: India will do what is in its own interests. This is a comforting proposition, and not one anyone can disagree with.

Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar has assured us, after all, that "we draw our conclusions and make our assessments. … We have a decent sense of what is in our interest and know how to protect it and advance it." India's stated values in international relations, including under Modi, have traditionally attached the highest importance to sovereignty. At the moment, though, cold-eyed evaluation of the national interest trumps anything as mushy as values.

It is possible, however, that some of the assumptions New Delhi has made to buttress its position on Ukraine look shakier than they did earlier this year.

For one, Russia will end 2022 a far less attractive partner to India than it was at the year's beginning. Its appeal as a source of weapons has been shot to hell in Kyiv, Kharkiv and now Kherson. Unlike China, India can hardly rely on Russian hydrocarbons in the long-term even if it has reached out for a few short-term bargains over the past months. Above all, India prizes global stability, and Moscow has shown itself to be a profoundly destabilizing force.

Indians have noticed, also, some puzzling behavior from the U.S. The Biden administration, reversing a decision by its predecessor, recently announced a $450 million deal to help Pakistan refurbish its fleet of F-16s. Pakistan's army chief, General Qamar Javed Bajwa, spent last week in the U.S., receiving a guard of honor and a 21-gun salute at the Pentagon.

And, in a gesture that seemed calculated to infuriate Indians, the U.S. ambassador to Pakistan traveled to the Pakistani side of Kashmir last week. Not only did he and the embassy repeatedly call the area by its official Pakistani title of "Azad (Free) Jammu and Kashmir," he also tweeted his visit to a bungalow associated with Pakistan's founder, Mohammed Ali Jinnah. In New Delhi, all this comes across as a quite unsubtle dig.

Everyone probably needs to calm down a bit. The U.S. may feel it has justifiable reasons to complain about India's equivocation on Ukraine, but it would be wiser not to do so by transparently cozying up to Pakistan. Every now and then someone in Washington thinks it is time to reset relations with Islamabad, and within a decade their successors discover it was a terrible idea.

Meanwhile, we in India should also consider more carefully whether alienating the U.S. and the West is really worth it. It won't hurt us immediately, sure. Right now, India's economy looks stable enough for the government to feel certain that the West needs us more than we need them.

But, if the next decade is to transform our economy and young Indians' futures, we will need Western investment, technology and markets. If we are to secure ourselves against Pakistan and China, we will need Western weaponry, at least in the short term.

Perhaps Washington really wasn't reminding New Delhi last week that two can play the game of balancing interests. We in India should nevertheless remember why we have, for more than a decade now, stressed "shared values" with the West. It's a way of papering over temporary disagreements—one that isn't available in a cold, transactional, "interests"-based relationship.

Over the coming decades, we will need the West even as we disagree with it. Sticking to our values may just be India's real national interest.

Bisita Luta welcomed new and returning visitors for Bisita Luta and the San Francisco de Borja festival

By EFRAIM ATALIG
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Efraim Atalig is the mayor of Rota. He leads the municipality's community programs with the mission to improve the quality of life for all residents living and working in the community.

Rota has earned the reputation of being the friendliest island in the world, thanks to the many tourists who have visited the island over the years. Our people and community have always welcomed our guests with open arms, just as a family would welcome their own, and we continue this tradition today.

With the arrival of a new market of tourists, from our longest Asian visitors to our local domestic tourists, we are optimistic that Rota will attract a diverse range of new visitors. We already welcomed new and returning visitors when we kicked off our annual Bisita Luta festival last week. This event welcomes visitors as well as devoted supporters of our islands' San Francisco de Borja. It began as a festival to welcome visitors to the island, but it has since evolved into a much-anticipated event that our residents and the CNMI community look forward to.

Seeing the community of the island come together to greet our guests (bisita) is easily the most memorable thing that I have witnessed. Last year, we welcomed back local dignitaries and guests to the island of Rota so that they could join the community in commemorating Bisita Luta and the San Francisco de Borja Fiesta. This brought back a sense of comfort and normalcy to our community. I watched as the Rota community came together for an evening of dancing and singing at the Bisita Luta concert; taking part in cultural activities; enjoying the indigenous cuisine; and waiting for the beautiful fireworks display.

This year, we did the same. On the first day of the event, we started with a ribbon-cutting ceremony that unveiled the Chamorro Hut. On Friday and Saturday, we had a variety of events and competitions our visitors enjoyed. A few of our contest were locally focused, and our competitors were able to display their hunting and culinary skills for all our visitors to enjoy.

The ceremony where prizes are given out to the winners of annual competitions like the Bisita Luta Food and Delicacies Competition and the Bud Light Fishing Derby is my favorite event to watch. It brings me so much joy to see our people beaming with pride over the food they have caught or prepared, as well as the sense of accomplishment they feel after winning a competition. I am excited about the new competition that we will be having this year, which is the Bisita Luta's longest cast with spinning rod competition.

I would like to thank all those whose hard work and dedication made this year's Bisita Luta a memorable one, including our sponsors, the people of Rota, all the visitors who made the trip to the island to participate in the festivities, but most especially the hardworking staff who have pulled all these together.

For those who are not able to come to Rota for this event, I humbly invite you to check out our Bisita Luta coverage on our Rota Public Information Facebook page.

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For more information visit the GCEA website at cnmieconomy.com. Engage with the Council on Facebook and Instagram (@cnmigov.economy) or contact them at gceacnmi@gmail.com.

Crime is a legitimate issue

By RICH LOWRY
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There's been a wave of violent crime the last couple of years, and the best way to address the issue is for everyone to pass over it in silence. That's the implication of the liberal pushback against the GOP attacks on Democrats as soft-on-crime in the closing weeks of the midterms.

The Democrats are running defensive ads and have passed a police-funding measure in the House, but a big element of their case for themselves—as always—is that it is unfair and racist to call them out on crime.

The Washington Post just ran a piece headlined, "GOP strategy elevates clashes over crime, race in midterm battlegrounds." In its own report, The New York Times says the Republican offensive "has swiftly drawn criticism as a return to sometimes deceptive or racially divisive messaging."

Exhibit A is the advertising barrage against Mandela Barnes, the 35-year-old African American lieutenant governor of Wisconsin who is running against the Republican incumbent, Sen. Ron Johnson. The Post relates that allies of Barnes "have derided the attacks as racist messages that feed on stereotypes."

There are a couple of counts against the anti-Barnes ads. One is that they associate him with "The Squad," the group of left-wing congresswomen. But this is hardly dirty pool since Barnes has gladly associated himself with them. He went to an event with Rep. Ilhan Omar in 2019, and said about her in a tweet afterward, "She's exactly who we need in Congress right now fighting for what's right."

The idea is that it is racist to portray Barnes in an ad with an image of the Squad because all its members are non-white. But what's most notable about The Squad is that it exemplifies out-of-the-mainstream progressive politics. Are attacks on the group supposed to be off limits until it recruits a more diverse membership?

It is also supposedly wrong to depict Barnes' name written in graffiti. This is an attempt, according to one Democratic operative, to "ghettoize him." The case against Barnes isn't that he's a graffiti artist, though; it's that he supports policies that have made the wave of disorder in American cities worse.

Graffiti is a symbol of such disorder. If this sort of imagery is illegitimate, no Democrats should be able to use footage of violence on January 6 against Republicans.

Finally, there's an ad that calls Barnes "dangerously liberal on crime." But another ad also calls John Fetterman, the Democratic senate candidate in Pennsylvania, "dangerously liberal on crime." Fetterman, it must be observed, is a large, tattooed white man.

Crime isn't a racial issue; it's about affording all Americans, and especially vulnerable communities, the protection they deserve from lawlessness. Obviously, violent crime is not a blight on the lives of upper middle-class white people.

In Milwaukee, 87% of the victims of homicide this year have been Black or Hispanic, according to the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel's tracker.

In Philadelphia, there have been more than 1,750 shootings this year. According to the count maintained by the city's office of the controller, 92% of the shooting victims have been Black of Hispanic.

Democrats like Barnes and Fetterman reflect the anti-incarceration ethos that's been ascendant in the Democratic Party for years now, especially in the wake of the killing of George Floyd.

Barnes was on board two of the worst and most destructive public policy ideas in contemporary America. In 2020, when defunding the police was all the rage, Barnes said money could be taken from police departments and given to neighborhood services. He also introduced legislation to end cash bail when he was in the Wisconsin state assembly in 2016.

He, and other Democrats, have the choice of trying to defend their ideas or to rule out any pointed discussion of them. It tells you all you need to know that they are heavily invested in the latter.

The amazing courage of Iranian women and girls

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It's important to celebrate courage wherever we find it.

Since Sept. 16, we've witnessed amazing courage in dozens of Iranian cities, as thousands have protested the death of Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old woman who died in Tehran in the custody of the so-called morality police.

Her offense? She was allegedly in violation of the hijab rule, a mandate imposed shortly after the Islamic revolution of 1979. Iranian women are forbidden to appear in public without a long, loose robe and a head covering.

Women in violation of this rule may be accosted on the streets, lectured, fined or arrested. Mahsa Amini was reportedly beaten by the police. Photos on social media show her unconscious in a hospital bed, with bruises around her eyes and bleeding from an ear.

Thousands marched in protests largely driven by women. It's impressive to see videos of Iranian women and girls tearing off their much-hated hijabs and throwing them into fires.

The danger these women face cannot be overstated. Iranian officials have responded with brutality. Many protesters have been arrested. They likely face torture and imprisonment. More than 130 have been killed, and some sources say that the figure is likely much higher.

The anger—and the courage—of these Iranian women reflects deep discontent. Many are just tired of being forced to wear a scarf over their hair when they go out in public. Many Iranian women despise the hijab because it symbolizes their supposed inferior status and the "right" of men to tell women how to look and behave.

But these protests represent something larger, as well: an intense craving for modernity and the freedoms of the West that permeates much of Iranian society. This longing for freedom is eloquently described in the books of Iran experts Sandra Mackey and Elaine Sciolino. In "The Shia Revival," Vali Nasr notes that in 2006 Persian was the third most common language on the internet, and that young Iranians maintained over 80,000 blogs. The writings of Immanuel Kant, Gabriel Garcia Marquez and other Westerners sell well in Iran.

A primary narrative of Middle Eastern tension is Iran (Shia) versus Saudi Arabia (Sunni). To the extent that we have any business taking sides, we've chosen poorly.

Iran has a democratic tradition that dates to 1905, when a revolution diminished monarchical power and established a parliament. Most Americans are unaware of the systematic subversion of democracy in Iran by the U.S. and Britain throughout the 20th century, including a CIA-driven coup in 1953 that kept an autocratic shah in power until his tyranny made the 1979 Islamic Revolution almost inevitable.

But every Iranian is aware of this history. Nevertheless, many of them still long for the modernity and moderation of the West.

In the meantime, we've courted Saudi Arabia, a brutal, oppressive monarchy that, last week, betrayed us by conniving with Russia to cut OPEC production and keep oil prices high.

One of the great blunders of the Trump administration was the abrogation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, a 2015 agreement between Iran and the U.S. that limited Iran's nuclear development in exchange for sanctions relief.

The deal was working. Even Trump's Defense secretary, Jim Mattis, said that the JCPOA's verification procedures were "robust," and he did not dispute the findings of the International Atomic Energy Agency, which confirmed Iran's compliance.

The JCPOA bolstered the standing of Iran's moderate President Hassan Rouhani; Trump's rejection of the deal in 2018 helped Iranian hard-liners elect the rigid, reactionary Ebrahim Raisi. In short, Trump gave the hard-line mullahs what they need most—a treacherous, deal-breaking external enemy.

A new iteration of the JCPOA should be a top priority of the Biden administration, even if it requires easing our sanctions to achieve it. The goal isn't to appease the hard-liners. It's to strengthen the moderates—there are more of them than we think—and to prevent Iran's development of a nuclear weapon.

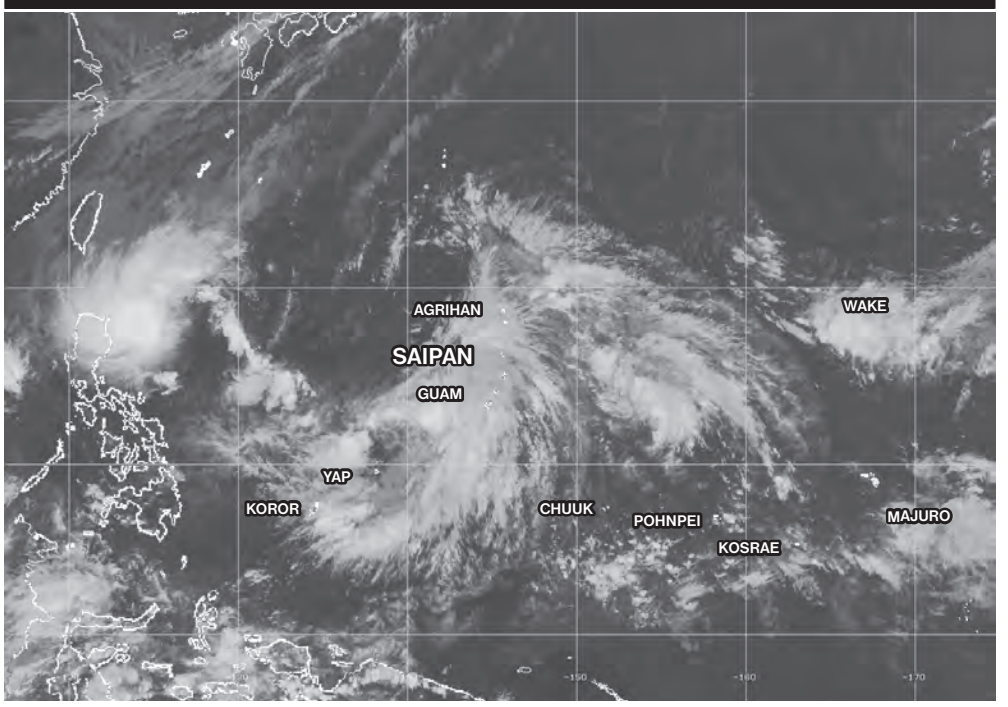
If Iranian women and girls have the courage to protest the tyranny of the mullahs, we should have the courage to say that we made a mistake.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Periods of rain and possibly a thunderstorm.	Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Cloudy	Showers likely. Cloudy	A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy	A chance of showers. Partly sunny,
84° 78°	84° 78°	84° 78°	84° 76°	87° 76°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Gentle to moderate monsoonal winds with occasionally strong gusts prevail in the Marianas. Satellite imagery and doppler radar indicate widespread showers and stratiform rain dominating Guam and Rota coastal waters. Ritidian buoy indicates seas are about 4 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	83° / 76°
Palau	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	85° / 78°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	85° / 77°
Pohnpei	Showers	84° / 74°
Kosrae	Cloudy	85° / 79°
Majuro	Scattered Thunderstorms	85° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Cloudy	65° / 55°
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	67° / 46°
Hong Kong	Sunny	83° / 74°
Honolulu	Thunderstorms	85° / 74°
London	Cloudy	64° / 52°
Los Angeles	Cloudy	77° / 64°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	90° / 77°
Melbourne	Light Rain	65° / 60°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	86° / 80°
New York	Sunny	70° / 51°
Osaka	Cloudy	71° / 61°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	66° / 51°
Busan	Mostly Sunny	73° / 62°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	77° / 60°
Salem	Mostly Sunny	81° / 63°
San Francisco	Cloudy	64° / 52°
Seoul	Sunny	69° / 48°
Tokyo	Cloudy	68° / 61°
Washington, DC	Sunny	73° / 48°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:08 AM	5:58 PM
Thursday	6:08 AM	5:58 PM
Friday	6:08 AM	5:57 PM
Saturday	6:08 AM	5:56 PM
Sunday	6:08 AM	5:56 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	7:56 AM	7:41 PM
Thursday	-	8:50 AM	8:25 PM
Friday	-	9:44 AM	9:11 PM
Saturday	-	10:38 AM	10:00 PM
Sunday	-	11:31 AM	10:51 PM

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
3:05 AM	Low Tide	0.01
9:30 AM	High Tide	1.83
3:22 PM	Low Tide	0.86
8:35 PM	High Tide	1.81

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:50AM	10:30AM	Daily
UA156	6:30PM	7:15PM	6

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	Daily
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau
UA183	7:20PM	9:10PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau
OZ624/701	4:00PM	11:05AM+1	3,6 via Incheon

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

TW308	3:30PM	7:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	3, 4, 7
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6

SAIPAN-NARITA

UA824	7:00AM	9:30AM	1, 3, 5

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:00PM	6:35PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
UA112	4:40PM	5:30PM	6

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:00PM	4:00AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	5 via Palau
UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1,2,3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Palau, Guam
UA192/112	10:25PM	5:30pm+1	5 via Palau, Guam
UA184/174	11:50PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Guam
UA184/112	11:50PM	5:30pm+1	5 via Guam
OZ704/623	11:55PM	2:30PM+1	2,5 via Incheon

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
7C3406	8:50AM	2:30PM	4
7C3406	8:50AM	2:50PM	3, 7
OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6
TW307	9:00AM	2:30PM	4, 6, 7
TW307	9:15AM	2:30PM	3

NARITA-SAIPAN

UA825	9:25PM	2:00 AM+1	2, 4, 7

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:00AM	2:00PM	3, 7

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INITIAL DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 18, 2022

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:00 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.	
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.	
4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.	
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.	

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	
2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.	

SAIPAN TO GUAM

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	
5:15 P.M.	6:05 P.M.	

GUAM TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
12:30 P.M.	1:20 P.M.	
6:40 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily

Business

DRAW YOUR DREAM, DRIVE THE FUTURE

AK launches Toyota Dream Car Art Contest

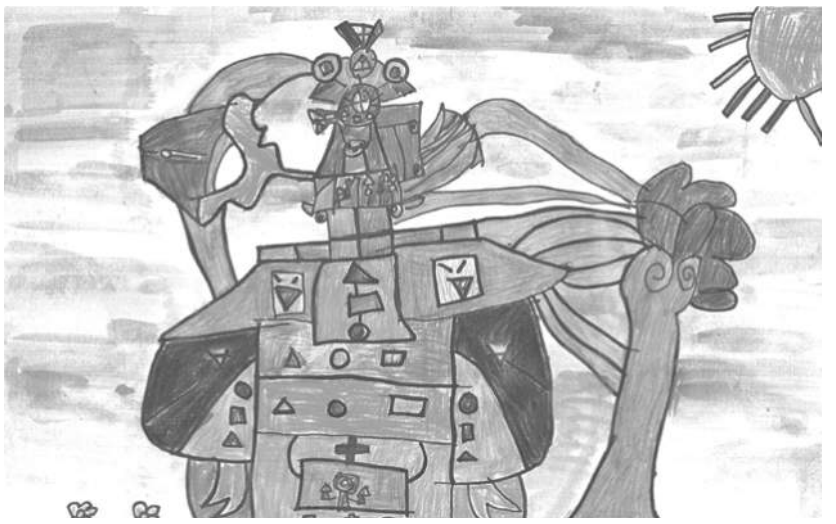
Imagine a flying car that has the ability to heal individuals affected by COVID-19 or an octopus car with eight legs that can clean the ocean of its pollution. Imagine a mobile pet-rescue truck that has the means to care for stray animals or a van that provides clothing and food to the homeless.

These extraordinary vehicles with meaningful purposes are just a few of the brilliant ideas that sprung to our youth's minds for last year's Toyota Dream Car Art Contest. This year, Atkins Kroll encourages the children of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands to dream big as they announce the commencement of the 16th Annual Toyota Dream Car Art Contest, which is open to the children of Guam and the Northern Marianas, ages 4 to 15 years.

First held in 2004 in Japan, the Toyota Dream Car Art Contest continues to be the largest international art contest that gives children not only the opportunity to share their ideas about the future of automobiles but also encourages children to pursue their dreams.

Last year, 581 students from Guam and over 165 students from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota entered their art pieces in the contest. Atkins Kroll is eager to see those numbers increase this year.

In 2021, Saipan resident Jeewoo Son won the 14th Annual Mobility for All award and gained global recognition. Her dream car, titled "The WRAP Car (World Rescue Assist Protect)," featured a flying, vibrant vehicle that rescues people from COVID-19 and keeps them in a safe environment.



Photos show samples of entries from last year's Annual Toyota Dream Car Art Contest. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

"We always look forward to seeing the inspiring works of art that our islands' students produce. Many of the dream cars we see provide solutions to the issues we face today and promise a better and brighter world. With illustrations that paint such a hopeful future, the Toyota Dream Car Art Contest is sure to bring inspiration and innovation the world surely needs," said Trina Cruz, AK Marketing and Communications director.

Students are welcome to submit their entries at Atkins Kroll Toyota in Tamuning and on Saipan. Deadline to submit all entries is 5pm on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2023.

Atkins Kroll will hold an exhibition of all entered artworks from Feb. 26, 2023, to March 10, 2023, and will have an awards ceremony for the Top 3 entries in each age category on March 10. The venue will be announced.

The contest is open to students in the following age categories: Under 7 years; 8-11 years; and 12-15 years. Students are encouraged to create their "Dream Car" using any standard drawing medium (color pencils, crayons, watercolor, or markers) on an 11" (h) x 17" (w) paper with a thickness of 5mm maximum. Digital art mediums are restricted. Toyota is looking for hand-drawn colorful artwork that illustrates "My Dream Car."

Worldwide, there will be 30 finalists (10 finalists in three age categories) selected to participate in the global competition. If no one from Guam or Saipan is among the 30 finalists, a representative from both Guam and Saipan will be selected to attend the global competition. Announcements for the selected global finalists will be made in June. The artist and his or her parents will be invited to attend the awards ceremony in Tokyo, Japan in 2023. ***(PR)***

Tourists flock to Japan after COVID restrictions lifted

TOKYO (AP)—Eager to admire colorful foliage, eat sushi and go shopping, droves of tourists from abroad started arriving Tuesday in Japan for the first day of lifted border restrictions, which had been in place for more than two years to curb the coronavirus pandemic.

Travelers are expected to deliver a sorely needed 5 trillion yen ($35 billion) boost to the world's third-largest economy. And the flood of visitors is expected to keep growing.

The daily cap of 50,000 arrivals is gone. Airlines have added flights to respond to the full re-opening of borders. Visa-free travel is back for short-term business and tourism from more than 60 nations.

David Beall, a photographer based in Los Angeles who's been to Japan 12 times, has already booked a flight, planning to go to Fukui, Kyoto, Osaka, and Tokyo. The last time he was in Japan was in October 2019. But it's everyday things he's most looking forward to, like eating Japan's popular fried pork dish, tonkatsu.

"As cliche as it sounds, just being back in Japan after all this time is what I am most looking forward to. That of course includes hopefully meeting new people, eating the food that I've missed like good tonkatsu, being in nature that time of the year, riding the trains," he said.

As a tip for others planning trips, he recommends getting a Japan Rail Pass and a Suica or some other card that allows cashless payments for easy travel.

Tourists like Beall, numbering about 32 million people before COVID-19, are welcome for good reason. Many will have more spending power because the Japanese yen has declined in recent months in value compared to the U.S. dollar, the euro and other currencies.

The only protocols left for entry are that you must be fully vaccinated with one booster or have a negative PCR test within 72 hours of departure. Then, virtually all visitors from the U.S., the rest of Asia, Europe and South America won't have to quarantine.

Compared to the most recent surge in Japan, when reported infections nationwide topped 200,000 people in August, both cases and deaths have dwindled. Last week, daily deaths averaged eight people nationwide. Japan has provided free COVID-19 vaccines, especially encouraging the elderly and the medically vulnerable to get inoculated.

But visitors may have to adjust to face masks.

Most Japanese are still wearing masks, just about everywhere. Many stores and restaurants require mask-wearing, as well as sanitizing hands at entrances, though there is talk of relaxing such recommendations in open outdoor spaces. Some establishments close early, or have shuttered completely.

Still, bookings from abroad at Japanese carrier All Nippon Airways Co., or ANA, have already jumped five-fold compared to the previous week, while those flying out of Japan doubled. The surge is coming on top of lesser, more gradual increases recorded the previous week.

Air Canada said bookings for Canadian travel to Japan jumped 51% this month compared to last month, while travelers from Japan to Canada grew 16% over the same period.

The Japanese economy can use the influx of tourist spending.

Fitch Ratings forecast Japan's real GDP growth at 1.7% in 2022 and 1.3% in 2023, supported by its loose fiscal policy, a recovery in the service sector, and a gradual fix to supply-chain problems, which will boost manufacturing and exports. The reopening to overseas visitors is expected to work as a positive, despite risks from geopolitical tensions and higher prices.

Japan had basically shut its borders to tourists, but started allowing packaged tours in June. Many people opted to wait for open-ended individual travel before getting a plane ticket.

With declining nervousness about the risks of infections, local trips by Japanese are also increasing—encouraged by discounts offered by airlines, bullet trains, onsen hot spring resorts and hotels to jumpstart the ailing travel industry.

Although Japan offers various attractions from the ski slopes of northern Hokkaido to the tropical beaches of Okinawa islands in the south, experts insist the coming months are the best to enjoy what Japan has to offer.

Nation

California man charged in family's kidnapping, slaying

MERCED, Calif. (AP)—Prosecutors on Monday charged a California man in the kidnapping and killings of an 8-month-old baby, her parents and uncle.

Salgado

Jesus Salgado is accused of kidnapping the family at gunpoint from their trucking business on Oct. 3. Authorities say Salgado, a former employee with a longstanding dispute, likely killed them within an hour.

Their bodies were not found until late Wednesday, when a farm worker in an almond orchard in a remote area of the San Joaquin Valley, California's agricultural heartland, discovered the remains of Aroohi Dheri; her 27-year-old mother Jasleen Kaur; her 36-year-old father Jasdeep Singh; and her 39-year-old uncle Amandeep Singh.

Salgado, 48, tried to kill himself a day after the kidnappings before he was taken into custody. He faces four counts of first-degree murder with special circumstances, the Merced County District Attorney's Office announced Monday. If convicted, he could spend the rest of his life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The special circumstances allege that the slayings were committed during the commission of a kidnapping and were part of multiple killings in the same case.

Salgado appeared in court Monday on video, KFSN reported. He did not enter a plea and asked for more time to find an attorney. He is scheduled to return to court Thursday.

Merced County Sheriff Vern Warnke last week would not discuss the condition of the adults' remains in the orchard and said it was unclear how the baby died. Warnke said the child had no visible trauma.

Warnke called for Salgado to face the death penalty. But District Attorney Kimberly Lewis on Monday said she would defer that decision to next year.

Salgado is also charged with arson and the possession of a firearm by a prohibited person. He was previously convicted of first-degree robbery with the use of a firearm in Merced County, attempted false imprisonment and an attempt to prevent or dissuade a victim or witness after he held a family he had worked for at gunpoint and forced them to follow his orders nearly 20 years ago.

In 2007, he was sentenced to 11 years in state prison in that case. He was released in 2015 and discharged from parole three years later, according to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. He also has a conviction for possession of a controlled substance, the department said.

Salgado's younger brother Alberto Salgado, 41, was arrested late Thursday and accused of criminal conspiracy, accessory, and destroying evidence.

Search for victims done, Florida coast aims for Ian recovery

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP)—An army of 42,000 utility workers has restored electricity to more than 2.5 million businesses and homes in Florida since Hurricane Ian's onslaught, and Brenda Palmer's place is among them. By the government's count, she and her husband, Ralph, are part of a success story.

AP
In this photo shot with a drone, shrimp boats lie grounded atop what was a mobile home park, following the passage of Hurricane Ian, on San Carlos Island in Fort Myers Beach, Fla., Friday, Oct. 7, 2022.

Yet turning on the lights in a wrecked mobile home that's likely beyond repair and reeks of dried river mud and mold isn't much solace to people who lost a lifetime of work in a few hours of wind, rain and rising seawater. Sorting through soggy old photos of her kids in the shaded ruins of her carport, Palmer couldn't help but cry.

"Everybody says, 'You can't save everything, mom,' " she said. "You know, it's my life. It's MY life. It's gone."

With the major search for victims over and a large swath of Florida's southwest coast settling in for the long slog of recovering from a rare direct hit by a major hurricane, residents are bracing for what will be months, if not years, of work. Mourning lost heirlooms will be hard; so will fights with insurance companies and decisions about what to do next.

Around the corner from the Palmers in Coach Light Manor, a retirement community of 179 mobile homes that was flooded by two creeks and a canal, a sad realization hit Susan Colby sometime between the first time she saw her soggy home after Ian and Sunday, when she was picking through its remains.

"I'm 86 years old, and I'm homeless," she said. "It's just crazy. I mean, never in my life did I dream that I wouldn't have a home. But it's gone."

State officials confirmed eight more deaths linked to the storm late Monday, bringing Florida's toll to 102—just over half of those in hardest-hit Lee County, where the powerful Category 4 hurricane came ashore with 155 mph (259 kph) winds on Sept 28. Overall, 111 deaths have been blamed on the storm, also including five deaths in North Carolina, one in Virginia and three in Cuba.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

†Caridad Satur Igisomar Fitial

Lovingly known as "DA"
Born to life on October 5, 1952
Call to eternal life on October 6, 2022

In her new life, DA will be met at the gates of heaven by her:

Son: †Ralph Stanley Igisomar
Parents: †Zacarias Olorit Igisomar
†Vicenta Veronica Satur Igisomar
Parents-in-law: †Angelina Taitano
†Francisco Fitial (Taghuuf)

Her loving memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Husband: Raphael T. Fitial
Children: Eugene I. Fitial and Masayo Ogata Fitial (Daisuke, Yuma)
Zacarias Igisomar (Kaimipono, Sikona)
Lona Igisomar and Edwin Kaipat (Cassandra, Noah)
Charene Igisomar (Polo, Jasmine)
Clarissa Igisomar and Benjamin Kosam (Jurissa, Frank, Ralph)
Roland Igisomar and Jessica W. Igisomar (Evalani, Laila, Jaelene)

Daily Mass of Intentions are being offered at 6 p.m. at the San Jose Parish, Oleai and the Santa Soledad Parish Kagman; and at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 6 a.m.
Funeral service will be held on Friday, October 14, 2022.

Our beloved +Caridad will be escorted from the CHCC morgue to the Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 7:30 a.m., followed by Responso, Holy Rosary and viewing. Mass of Christian Burial will commence at 10 a.m., followed by interment services at the Chalan Kanoa cemetery, where she will be laid to rest.

Ghilisow, Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers
From all the Family

ACROSS THE NATION

Florida shrimpers race to get battered fleet back to sea

FORT MYERS BEACH, Fla. (AP)—The seafood industry in southwest Florida is racing against time and the elements to save what's left of a major shrimping fleet—and a lifestyle—that was battered by Hurricane Ian. The storm's ferocious wind and powerful surge hurled a couple dozen shrimp boats atop wharves and homes along the harbor on Estero Island. Jesse Clapham, who oversees a dozen trawlers for a large seafood company at Fort Myers Beach, is trying to get boats back to sea as quickly as possible—before their engines, winches and pulleys seize up from being out of the water. One of two shrimpers that didn't sink or get tossed onto land went out Sunday, but the victory was small compared with the task ahead.

Racist remarks spotlight rivalry between LA Latinos, Blacks

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A leaked recording of crude, racist comments that resulted in the president of the Los Angeles City Council resigning from the post also provided an unvarnished look into City Hall's racial rivalries and the sometimes-hidden fight to seize and hold political power in a changing city. Former Council president Nury Martinez, a Democrat, stepped down from the job and apologized Monday, saying she was ashamed of her racially offensive language in the year-old recording. Her remarks, which included mocking the Black son of a white councilman, came during a discussion with other Latino Council members and a Latino labor leader about protecting their political power during the redrawing of council district boundaries, known as redistricting. T

Uvalde school chief plans to retire after community outrage

UVALDE, Texas (AP)—Uvalde's school district superintendent announced Monday he plans to resign by the end of the academic year, following months of community outrage over the handling of the United States' deadliest school shooting in nearly a decade. "My heart was broken on May 24th," Hal Harrell said in a statement. The Uvalde school board voted unanimously Monday evening to begin the search for Harrell's successor. Harrell, law enforcement, the school board, and other school officials have faced heavy criticism over their actions—and inaction—during the massacre of 19 fourth-graders and two teachers at Robb Elementary School. Officers allowed the shooter to remain inside a classroom for more than 70 minutes.

World

Russia unleashes biggest attacks in Ukraine in months

KYIV, Ukraine (AP)—Russia retaliated Monday for an attack on a critical bridge by unleashing its most widespread strikes against Ukraine in months, a lethal barrage that smashed civilian targets, knocked out power and water, shattered buildings and killed at least 14 people.

Ukraine's Emergency Service said nearly 100 people were wounded in the morning rush hour attacks that Russia launched from the air, sea and land against at least 14 regions, spanning from Lviv in the west to Kharkiv in the east. Many of the attacks occurred far from the war's front lines.

Though Russia said missiles targeted military and energy facilities, some struck civilian areas while people were heading to work and school. One hit a playground in downtown Kyiv and another struck a university.

The attacks plunged much of the country into a blackout, depriving hundreds of thousands of people of electricity into Monday night and creating a shortage so severe Ukrainian authorities asked people to conserve and announced they will stop power exports to Europe starting Tuesday. Power outages also often deprive residents of water, given the system's reliance on electricity to run pumps and other equipment.

Andriy Yermak, a senior adviser to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, said the strikes had no "practical military sense" and that Russia's goal was to cause a "humanitarian catastrophe."

Russian President Vladimir Putin said his forces targeted key energy infrastructure and military command facilities with "precision weapons" in retaliation for what he claimed were Kyiv's "terrorist" actions—a reference to Ukraine's attempts to repel Moscow's invasion, including an attack Saturday on a key bridge between Russia and the annexed Crimean Peninsula. Putin alleged the bridge attack was masterminded by Ukrainian special services.

Putin vowed a "tough" and "proportionate" response if further Ukrainian attacks threaten Russia's security. "No one should have any doubts about it," he told Russia's Security Council by video.

The Russian president has been under intense domestic pressure to take more aggressive action to stop a largely successful Ukrainian counteroffensive and to react forcefully to Saturday's attack on the Kerch bridge, whose construction he used to cement his 2014 annexation of Crimea.

Putin's increasingly frequent descriptions of Ukraine's actions as terrorist could portend even more bold and draconian actions. But in Monday's speech, Putin—whose partial troop mobilization order last month triggered an exodus of hundreds of thousands of men of fighting age—stopped short of escalating his "special military operation" to a counterterrorism campaign or martial law. Zelenskyy has repeatedly called on world leaders to declare Russia a terrorist state because of its attacks on civilians and alleged war crimes.

WORLD BRIEFS

Hong Kong nixes US sanctions on Russian-owned superyacht

HONG KONG (AP)—Hong Kong's leader John Lee said Tuesday he will only implement United Nations sanctions, after the U.S. warned the territory's status as a financial center could be affected if it acts as a safe haven for sanctioned individuals. Lee's statement Tuesday came days after a luxury yacht connected to Russian tycoon Alexey Mordashov docked in the city. Mordashov, who is believed to have close ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin, was sanctioned by the U.S., U.K. and the European Union in February after Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Hong Kong authorities have said that they do not implement unilateral sanctions imposed by other governments.

28 dead as Julia drenches Central America with rainfall

GUATEMALA CITY (AP)—Former Hurricane Julia has dissipated, but is still drenching Guatemala and El Salvador with torrential rains Monday after it reemerged in the Pacific following a pounding of Nicaragua. At least 28 people were reported dead as a direct or indirect result of the storm. Guatemala's disaster prevention agency said five people died after a hillside collapsed on their house in Alta Verapaz province, burying them. And in Huehuetenango province, near Mexico, nine people died, including a soldier killed while performing rescue work.

Calls mount for Filipino ex-senator freedom after jail riot

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Human rights activists pressed their call Monday for the immediate release of a former Philippine opposition senator after she was taken hostage in a rampage by three Muslim militants in a failed attempt to escape from a maximum-security jail. Police killed three Islamic State group-linked militants behind Sunday's violence in which a police officer was stabbed and former Sen. Leila de Lima was briefly taken hostage. The militants tried to escape from the jail for high-profile inmates at the national police headquarters in metropolitan Manila, police said. National police chief Gen. Rodolfo Azurin Jr. acknowledged there were security lapses in the detention center and said its commander has been removed as part of an investigation.

Tales of survival emerge as Venezuela landslide toll hits 34

LAS TEJERIAS, Venezuela (AP)—Rescue workers using drones and trained dogs searched for survivors Monday following a massive landslide in central Venezuela, as the death toll rose to 34 and residents described harrowing tales of escape from the water and mud. Jose Medina recalled how the water streaming into his home in the town of Las Tejerías on Saturday night had reached waist level. He and his family were trapped, he realized. So the 63-year-old turned his refrigerator sideways, opened its door and used it as a boat for his granddaughter. Meanwhile he held on to the fridge with his wife, and pinned it to a table so that the strong currents of water would not push them downstream.

A MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase'

FROM THE FAMILY OF

†DAVID MANGLOÑA ATALIG

MARCH 14, 1944 – SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

We, the family of the late †David Mangloña Atalig, wish to express our sincerest, deepest gratitude and heartfelt thank you to all of you who have shared in our sorrow and comforted us through your valuable time, abounding love, thoughts, prayers, generous gifts, and contributions. Your attendance at the daily mass, your visits to our family home, your presence at the funeral service, and accompaniment to his resting place have lifted our spirits.

We appreciate the compassion you showed our family during this difficult time. You all have been a tremendous source of comfort and strength for all of us. We are truly blessed by the outpouring of love we have received. Your kindness will forever be etched in our hearts.

With Love,

Corazon, Brian & Jonathan
David, Dorisann & Family
Carlene, John & Family
Jodene, Joe & Family
Vivian, Sharlene & Family
Velma, Ed & Family

Good Housekeeping

The power of home staging

By CATHY HOBBS
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Staging is a longtime secret weapon relating to selling a house. Ask any savvy real estate agent and they will likely admit that home staging is one of the key tools in their marketing toolbox.

Why? The reality is that most potential buyers lack vision. A space that is cluttered, in need of repair or overly personalized immediately signals worry and work to potential buyers. Most understand the reality of what a space looks like now, as opposed to what the space could be. Here's how to maximize your staging potential.

HANDOUT/TNS
A bedroom cluttered with personal belongings.

HANDOUT/TNS
The same bedroom after staging.

HANDOUT/TNS
A living room prior to staging.

The same living space staged and styled.

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HANDOUT/TNS
A living room with sparse personal belongings.

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Staging leading to an accepted offer within 30 days on the market.

Stage primary rooms
Living rooms and primary bedrooms are two of the most important rooms in a home. Living rooms are often one of the first rooms to enter in a home and the main space for entertaining, so it is important that the presentation is strong and makes an impact. Primary bedrooms are considered sanctuaries and often have great importance and appeal to potential buyers.

Let furniture placement take center stage
The goal in primary spaces such as living rooms and bedrooms is to create a cohesive furniture arrangement. In many instances, occupied listings have an overabundance of furniture. When it comes to home selling, less is more. The goal is to allow potential buyers to be able to see the space, as opposed to focus on the stuff.

Getting started
Start with foundation pieces and end with the details. In other words, start big and end small. Begin with large items such as sofas and area rugs, then focus on complementary elements such as artwork and end with details such as toss pillows, throws and accessories.

Stay neutral
Neutral color palettes are ideal for staging. Not only do they blend with other colors, but they also create a soothing environment. Colors such as gray and off-white work well.

Stage it, sell it
When a property goes on the market, it is no longer a seller's home. Instead it is a product for sale that will be compared to other products. In seeking the ideal home, most potential buyers will visit more than one house, comparing and contrasting selling features as far as the positives and negatives. A staged home conveys one that is move-in ready, which is the desire of most potential buyers.

Top staging tips include:

- Neutralize
- Declutter
- Depersonalize
- Minimize to maximize space
- Invest in minor repairs

Life & Style

‘War crime:’ Industrial-scale destruction of Ukraine culture

KYIV, Ukraine (AP)—The exquisite golden tiara, inlaid with precious stones by master craftsmen some 1,500 years ago, was one of the world’s most valuable artifacts from the blood-letting rule of Attila the Hun, who rampaged with horseback warriors deep into Europe in the 5th century.

The Hun diadem is now vanished from the museum in Ukraine that housed it—perhaps, historians fear, forever. Russian troops carted away the priceless crown and a hoard of other treasures after capturing the Ukrainian city of Melitopol in February, museum authorities say.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine, now in its eighth month, is being accompanied by the destruction and pillaging of historical sites and treasures on an industrial scale, Ukrainian authorities say.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Ukraine’s culture minister alleged that Russian soldiers helped themselves to artifacts in almost 40 Ukrainian museums. The looting and destruction of cultural sites has caused losses estimated in the hundreds of millions of euros (dollars), the minister, Oleksandr Tkachenko, added.

“The attitude of Russians toward Ukrainian culture heritage is a war crime,” he said.

For the moment, Ukraine’s government and its Western backers supplying weapons are mostly focused on defeating Russia on the battlefield. But if and when peace returns, the preservation of Ukrainian collections of art, history and culture also will be vital, so survivors of the war can begin the next fight: rebuilding their lives.

“These are museums, historical buildings, churches. Everything that was built and created by generations of Ukrainians,” Ukraine’s first lady, Olena Zelenska, said in September when she visited a Ukrainian museum in New York. “This is a war against our identity.”

AP

The fourth century B.C. golden pectoral, an ancient treasure from a Scythian king’s burial mound, is exhibited in the Museum of Historical Treasures in Kyiv, Ukraine, on July 30, 2021. Fearing Russian troops would storm the city, museum employees dismantled exhibits, carefully packing away artifacts into boxes for evacuation. For now, the museum is just showing copies.

Workers at the Museum of Local History in Melitopol first tried hiding the Hun diadem and hundreds of other treasures when Russian troops stormed the southern city. But after weeks of repeated searches, Russian soldiers finally discovered the building’s secret basement where staff had squirrelled away the museum’s most precious objects—including the Hun diadem, according to a museum worker.

The worker, who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity, fearing Russian punishment for even discussing the events, said the Ukrainians don’t know where Russian troops took the haul, which included the tiara and some 1,700 other artifacts.

Dug up from a burial chamber in 1948, the crown is one of just a few Hun crowns worldwide. The museum worker said other treasures that disappeared with Russian soldiers include 198 pieces of 2,400-year-old gold from the era of the Scythians, nomads who migrated from Central Asia to southern Russia and Ukraine and founded an empire in Crimea.

“These are ancient finds. These are works of art. They are priceless,” said Oleksandr Symonenko, chief researcher at Ukraine’s Institute of Archaeology. “If culture disappears, it is an irreparable disaster.”

Russia’s Culture Ministry did not respond to questions about the Melitopol collection.

Russian forces also looted museums as they laid waste to the Black Sea port of Mariupol, according to Ukrainian officials who were driven from that the southern city, which was relentlessly pounded by Russian bombardment. It fell under Moscow’s complete control only in May when Ukrainian defenders who clung to the city’s steelworks finally surrendered.

Mariupol’s exiled city council said Russian forces pilfered more than 2,000 items from the city’s museums. Among the most precious items were ancient religious icons, a unique handwritten Torah scroll, a 200-year-old bible and more than 200 medals, the council said.

Also looted were art works by painters Arkhip Kuindzhi, who was born in Mariupol, and Crimea-born Ivan Aivazovsky, both famed for their seascapes, the exiled councillors said. They said Russian troops carted off their stolen bounty to the Russian-occupied Donetsk region of eastern Ukraine.

The invasion has also wrought extensive damage and destruction to Ukraine’s cultural patrimony. The U.N.’s cultural agency is keeping a tally of sites being struck by missiles, bombs and shelling. With the war now in its eighth month, the agency says it has verified damage to 199 sites in 12 regions.

They include 84 churches and other religious sites, 37 buildings of historic importance, 37 buildings for cultural activities, 18 monuments, 13 museums and 10 libraries, UNESCO says.

Ukrainian government tallies are even higher, with authorities saying their count of destroyed and damaged religious buildings alone is up to at least 270.

While invasion forces hunted for treasures to steal, Ukrainian museum workers did what they could to keep them out of Russian hands. Tens of thousands of items have been evacuated away from the front lines and combat-struck regions.

Books on empire, migrant crisis up for Baillie Gifford prize

LONDON (AP)—Books about Britain’s imperial past and the human face of the present-day refugee crisis are among the finalists for Britain’s leading nonfiction book award, the Baillie Gifford Prize.

The shortlist announced Monday includes Harvard professor Caroline Elkins’ hard-hitting “Legacy of Violence: A History of the British Empire” and Irish journalist Sally Hayden’s “My Fourth Time, We Drowned: Seeking Refuge on the World’s Deadliest Migration Route.”

Four books by British writers are also among the finalists for the 50,000 pound ($55,000) prize.

They are Jonathan Freedland’s true Holocaust story “The Escape Artist: The Man Who Broke Out of Auschwitz to Warn the World;” Anna Keay’s “The Restless Republic: Britain Without a Crown,” which charts Britain’s brief period as a republic in the 17th century; Polly Morland’s “A Fortunate Woman: A Country Doctor’s Story;” and Katherine Rundell’s poetic biography “Super-Infinite: The Transformations of John Donne.”

Journalist Caroline Sanderson, who is chairing the judging panel, said the six books “are marvelously wide-ranging, in terms of setting, era, and the creative approaches on display. But however different the canvas, all have enthralling human stories at their heart.”

The Baillie Gifford Prize recognizes English-language books from any country in current affairs, history, politics, science, sport, travel, biography, autobiography and the arts.

Last year’s winner was Patrick Radden Keefe’s “Empire of Pain: The Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty,” an expose of the family that helped unleash the United States’ opioid epidemic.

The winner of the 2022 prize will be announced on Nov. 17 at a ceremony in London.

Husband refuses to confront friend who assaulted wife

DEAR ABBY: My husband’s best friend groped my privates several years ago at a party. It was traumatizing. I have never forgotten how abused and dirty it made me feel. I told my husband about it when we got home, but he’d had a lot to drink and told me I must have been imagining things.

As time went by, I would occasionally bring it up, especially when we would see this person. When the #metoo movement came into being, it brought out all those memories, and I asked my husband to confront the man, who remains his best friend. He refuses.

I am deeply hurt that he still thinks I’m imagining things and doesn’t have my back. What should I do? Should I drop it or give him an ultimatum -- either confront the friend or I leave?

TORN IN TEXAS

DEAR TORN: Your husband doesn’t think you are imagining things. For him to make that accusation is called “gaslighting.” He prefers to avoid a confrontation with his best friend rather than defend you because the friendship is more important to him than your feelings. From where I sit, that doesn’t make your husband much of a man. Men who love their wives do not sit by silently when they have been disrespected.

You might benefit from counseling to get beyond this. Has it occurred to you that YOU should speak up and demand an apology from the “friend”? If you were being serious when you stated that if your husband won’t confront this person, you will leave him, allow me to offer a word of caution: Do NOT issue an ultimatum upon which you are not prepared to follow through.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been married to a wonderful woman for 29 years. We have two grown children, we are best friends, and our life together has been great. Abby, about 10 years ago, I realized I was gay. At first, I tried to ignore my feelings and concentrate on the commitment I had made to my wife and family.

For a while, this worked well. However, my feelings for men grew stronger, and trying to hide from my true self became much harder. Now I can’t stop thinking about being with a man. I have even signed up for a dating site and flirted with a few men, although I have never met any of them in person because I don’t want to cheat on my wife. I don’t know if I should tell her I’m gay and want to date men, or if I should continue suppressing my feelings for the sake of my family. Please help.

CONFLICTED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CONFLICTED: You stated that you and your wife are best friends. You aren’t the only person who realized later in life that you were gay and knew you had to be true to yourself. The time has come to tell her everything. She may or may not be shocked by the revelation, but she needs to know. How you both decide to handle this going forward is something only the two of you can work out.

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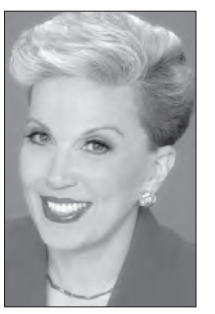

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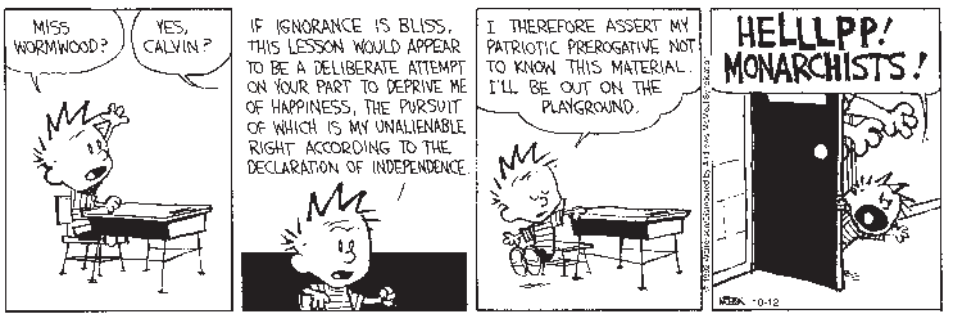
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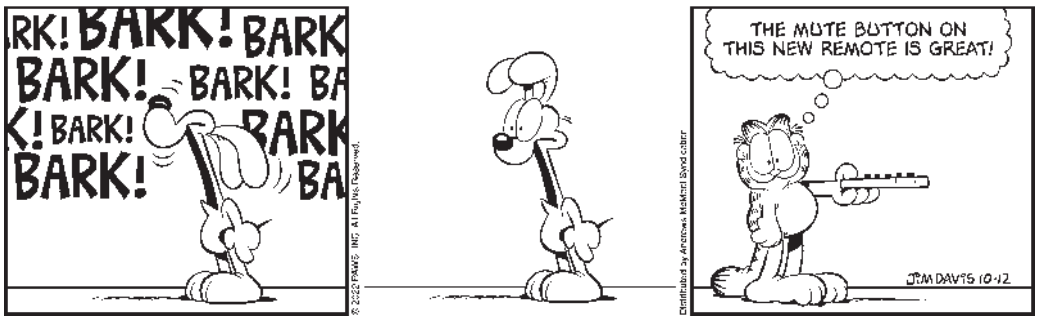

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

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OR "CLOWN OF YOUR NIGHTMARES"?
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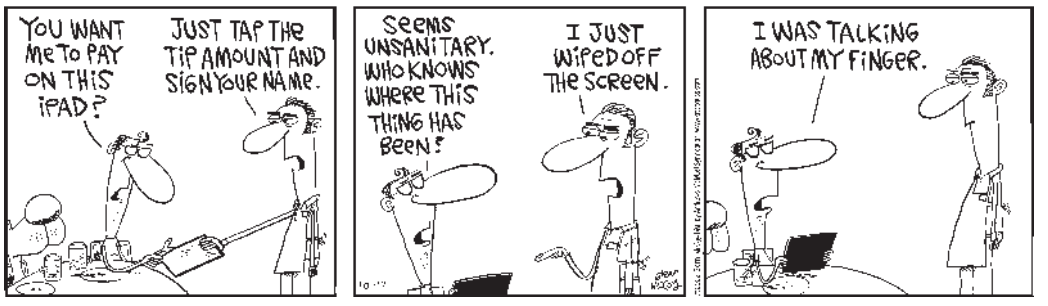
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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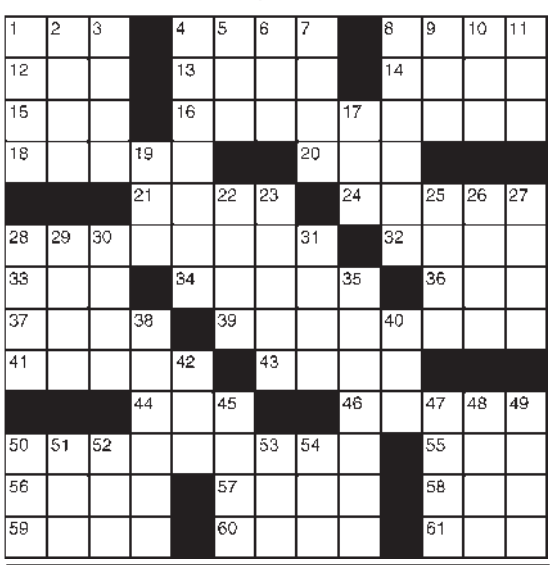

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Happy Birthday: Take care of situations and responsibilities yourself. Don't rely on others to offer solid advice based on truth and principles. Show discipline in handling health, financial and contractual matters. Consider what's needed to minimize stress. Take an innovative approach to balancing time spent on domestic and professional duties. Choose activities geared toward fitness and good health. Your numbers are 3, 16, 19, 26, 31, 37, 48.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Follow the money trail until you are clear where every penny is going. Keeping track of your expenditures will help you make better decisions regarding what you can do to make a difference. A physical encounter will bolster your confidence. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* A change will turn in your favor. Go with the flow and enjoy the ride. Refuse to let demands someone puts on you slow you down. Put your energy, money and time where you feel most comfortable. Don't share secrets. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Pay attention to protocol and do everything by the book. Reinvent your skills to suit trends. Show others what you can do under pressure. Be blatant regarding your promises and proactive in physically making things happen. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Situations will get blown out of proportion at home and work. Take a moment to reflect on what's going on and how you can use the experience to benefit the outcome. Keep your money, documents and possessions in a safe place. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Digest information and process your options before you make a move. Don't feel pressured by someone using emotional tactics to get you to make a premature decision. Focus on clear-cut opportunities and on getting yourself in tiptop shape. ✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* A change of heart will prompt you to learn something new and change how you live. Mingle with people who can offer answers, suggestions and a helping hand. If you make your actions count, you'll gain respect and inspire others to follow. ✪✪✪✪✪s

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Take the plunge to get things done. Hesitation will work against you. Redirect your energy where it counts, and keep an eye on transactions that can affect your finances and assets. Weigh the pros and cons before you make a move. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Don't let confusion and uncertainty stand in your way. Consider what's working for you and head in that direction. Look for opportunities to meet new people and to do something that will make a difference in your community. Change begins with you. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Stick to the point. If you color a situation, someone will expect more than you are willing to give. Put greater emphasis on you, how you look, what you are skilled at and where you can have the most significant impact. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Stick close to home. Keep the peace and go about your business. Make subtle changes that will add to your comfort and convenience. Take care of debt and unfinished business. Temptation and overspending are apparent but will cause added stress. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Don't jump to conclusions. Ask questions, decide how to proceed and put in the time, effort and finances to ensure you do things right the first time. Trust yourself, not others, when it comes to what's best for you and your loved ones. ✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* A change in how you do things will spark interest. Connect with people who share your concerns and want to make a difference. Don't waste time arguing. Anger will stand between you and what you are trying to achieve. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are open-minded, original and ambitious. You are energetic and responsible.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Yesturday Answer

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

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Chiefs hold on for wild 30-29 victory over rival Raiders

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—The Kansas City Chiefs headed off to the locker room facing a big hole against the Las Vegas Raiders on Monday night, everything from the big plays to the officiating calls going the way of their longtime AFC West rivals.

One call in particular lit a fire under them.

It was a dubious penalty on Chiefs defensive tackle Chris Jones for roughing Raiders quarterback Derek Carr, and nobody in the Kansas City locker room could believe it. But rather than stew over it, or lament their 10-point deficit, Patrick Mahomes and the rest of the Chiefs used it as motivation to storm from behind for the 30-29 victory.

"There was anger just about how we had played up to that point," said Mahomes, who threw four touchdown passes to tight end Travis Kelce. "We needed everybody to go out there and take the fight to them."

The Raiders still had a chance when Davante Adams, who earlier had hauled in a 58-yard touchdown catch, added a 48-yarder with 4:29 to go. It came after Kelce's final touchdown catch, when Kansas City failed on a 2-point try that left the score 30-23. But rather than kick a tying extra point, Raiders coach Josh McDaniels also went for 2.

Josh Jacobs, who had shredded the Chiefs defense all night, was stuffed at the goal line.

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Las Vegas Raiders running back Josh Jacobs (28) catches a pass as Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Nick Bolton (32) defends during the first half of an NFL football game Monday, Oct. 10, 2022, in Kansas City, Mo.

The Raiders got the ball back one last time with 2:29 left, and a long third-down pass to Adams down the Kansas City sideline appeared to get them in field-goal range. But the play was reviewed and Adams failed to get both feet in bounds, and Carr threw incomplete on fourth-and-1 with 47 seconds left before the Chiefs ran out the clock.

"We didn't fall apart on each other," Chiefs safety Justin Reid said. "We battled through adversity."

Carr finished with 241 yards passing, and Jacobs ran for 133 yards and a score, as the Raiders lost to the Chiefs (4-1) for the fourth straight time. Daniel Carlson was 3 for 3 on field goals, extending his streak to 38 in a row.

What he wouldn't have given for a chance at No. 39.

"We had a chance," Daniels said. "We just didn't make one or two plays there at the end to finish it."

The game of twists and turns began with the Raiders failing to score on their opening drive for the first time all season.

They made up for it on the next one.

Facing fourth-and-inches in their own territory, McDaniels sent his offense back on the field. But rather than run Jacobs up the middle, or sneak with Carr, he aired it out to Adams, who ran past Rashad Fenton for the 58-yard TD catch.

Adams and the Raiders continued to pick on Fenton later in the half, when a pass interference moved Las Vegas deep into Chiefs territory. Adams drew another penalty on Jaylen Watson in the end zone, setting up Jacobs' short TD plunge.

It was 17-0 when Kelce finally reached the end zone for the Chiefs, but it appeared as if the momentum had turned when Jones stripped Carr from behind and landed him. But despite the ball clearly coming out, and the Pro Bowl defensive tackle coming away with it, referee Carl Cheffers threw a penalty flag and called Jones for roughing the passer.

Chiefs coach Andy Reid stormed off the sideline to argue. And after the teams traded field goals in the final minutes, leaving the Raiders ahead 20-10, Reid cornered Cheffers and lit into him again as the teams headed to the locker room.

"I got it off my chest," Reid said. "I said what I needed to say."

The questionable penalty came one day after another questionable roughing call by referee Jerome Boger on Atlanta's Grady Jarrett against Tampa Bay quarterback Tom Brady sealed the Buccaneers' win over the Falcons.

Cheffers told a pool reporter that Carr "gets full protection of all aspects of what we give the quarterback in a passing posture. So when he was tackled, my ruling was the defender landed on him with full body weight."

Mahomes said: "It wasn't the greatest call in the world. You have to find a way to bounce back and we did."

Did they ever.

The Chiefs opened the second half with a 75-yard march that Kelce capped with his second TD reception. And after they forced a quick punt, the Chiefs went 57 yards and watched Kelce haul in his third to give Kansas City a 24-20 lead.

Midway through the fourth quarter, it was the Chiefs who got a penalty gift.

They were leading 24-23 when fill-in kicker Matthew Wright, whose 59-yarder before halftime set the franchise record for longest field goal, yanked a 37-yarder left. But defensive end Malcolm Koonce was called for holding, giving Kansas City an automatic first down, and Mahomes found Kelce once again four plays later to extend the lead to 30-24.

The teams traded touchdowns—and missed conversions—down the stretch as the Chiefs escaped with the win.

"We're close but close doesn't count in this game," Carr said. "It's frustrating."

INJURIES

Raiders: TE Darren Waller left with a hamstring injury in the first half. TE Foster Moreau (knee) already was unavailable despite returning to practice Saturday.

Chiefs: DT Tershawn Wharton tore his left ACL early in the game. ... OL Trey Smith (pectoral muscle) was inactive after starting the first 21 games of his career. DE Mike Danna (calf) and K Harrison Butker (ankle) also were inactive.

UP NEXT

The Raiders get next week off before facing the Texans on Oct. 23 in Las Vegas.

The Chiefs host the Bills on Sunday in a rematch of January's playoff overtime thriller.

Roughing-the-passer call prompts officiating scrutiny

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Chiefs defensive tackle Chris Jones believes the NFL should allow video review of roughing-the-passer penalties after his controversial call—the second in as many days—nearly cost the Kansas City Chiefs in their come-from-behind 30-29 victory over the Las Vegas Raiders on Monday night.

The Chiefs had just scored to trim their deficit to 17-7 when Jones stripped Raiders quarterback Derek Carr from behind just before halftime. The Pro Bowl defensive tackle landed on Carr while also coming up with the ball—replays showed it was clearly loose and that Jones cleanly recovered—but referee Carl Cheffers threw a flag for roughing the passer.

The play happened with less than two minutes to go and was not reviewed.

Chiefs coach Andy Reid stormed off the sideline to argue with every official within earshot. And after the teams traded field goals, leaving the Raiders ahead 20-10 at halftime, Reid cornered Cheffers again as they headed to the locker room.

"The quarterback is in the pocket and he's in a passing posture. He gets full protection of all the aspects of what we give the quarterback in a passing posture," Cheffers told a pool reporter after the game. "My ruling was the defender landed on him with full body weight. The quarterback is protected from being tackled with full body weight."

That explanation didn't sit well in the Kansas City locker room.

Especially with the culprit.

"It's costing teams games," Jones said. "How should I tackle people? How should I not roll on him? I'm trying my best. I'm 325 pounds, OK? What do you want me to do? I'm going full speed trying to get the quarterback."

When players emerged for the second half, Kansas City fans booed Cheffers more loudly than the hated Raiders (1-4), and the call—and the energized Arrowhead Stadium—seemed to galvanize their team. Travis Kelce had three of his fourth TD catches in the second second half and the defense made a stand in the final minute to escape with the win.

AP

Las Vegas Raiders quarterback Derek Carr (4) is sacked by Kansas City Chiefs defensive tackle Chris Jones, right, during the first half of an NFL football game Monday, Oct. 10, 2022, in Kansas City, Mo.

"I've seen (Reid) angry," Mahomes said later, "but not about a call on the football field."

The call came one day after Atlanta defensive tackle Grady Jarrett was flagged by referee Jerome Boger for a seemingly innocuous tackle of Tampa Bay quarterback Tom Brady. The penalty gave the Buccaneers a first down and allowed them to run out the clock on a 21-15 victory, rather than giving the Falcons a chance to drive for the win.

"What I had was the defender grabbed the quarterback while he was still in the pocket, and unnecessarily throwing him to the ground," Boger told a pool reporter after the game. "That is what I was making my decision based upon."

The NFL was criticized for its failure to protect quarterbacks after Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa was taken off the field on a stretcher following a violent hit in a game against Cincinnati. Tagovailoa sustained a concussion when his head slammed to the turf on a tackle by the Bengals' Josh Tupou, who was not flagged on the play.

In the NFL rulebook, it states: "Any physical acts against a player who is in a passing posture (i.e. before, during, or after a pass) which, in the referee's judgment, are unwarranted by the circumstances of the play will be called as fouls."

The rulebook also notes: "When in doubt about a roughness call or potentially dangerous tactic against the quarterback, the referee should always call roughing the passer."

Jones offered a solution: Allow replays of roughing-the-passer calls.

"Especially in critical situations in games," he said. "We've got to be able to review it in the booth, you know what I mean? I think that's the next step for the NFL as a whole. If we're going to call it penalty at that high (of rate), then we've got to be able to review it and make sure, because sometimes looks can be deceiving."

Meanwhile, the Chiefs have had plenty of conflicts with Cheffers in the past.

The biggest came during the 2016 playoffs against Pittsburgh, when Cheffers called left tackle Eric Fisher for holding that negated what would have been a tying two-point conversion. The Steelers won 18-16 to advance to the AFC title game, and Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce said Cheffers "shouldn't even be able to work at ... Foot Locker."

Their opinion of the referee surely didn't improve Monday night.

"You want to protect the players in all aspects of the game, but at the same time, there's a commonsense factor," Mahomes said. "The refs watch tape and they practice, just like we do. I'm sure they'll go back and make the corrections."

For one referee, path from Korea to the NBA wasn't easy

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Intae Hwang wanted to play basketball. His parents wouldn't allow it.

He reached the NBA anyway.

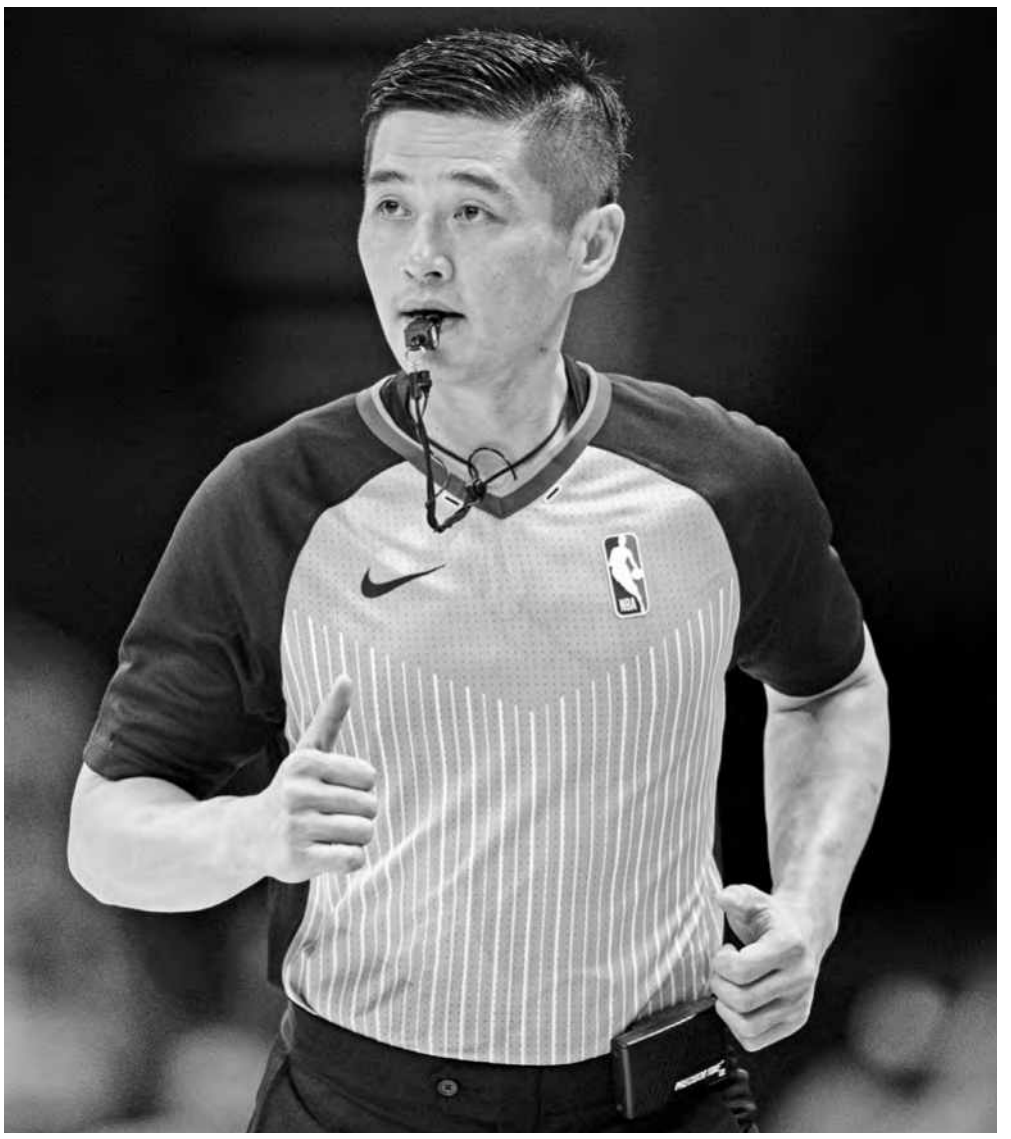
Hwang took the ultimate leap of faith nearly three years ago: Move his family halfway across the world, from their native South Korea to a new home in New Jersey, to follow his dream of becoming an NBA referee. He's getting closer to making that a reality, after working some preseason games this month—including Monday's Washington-Charlotte contest—and is expected to get some assignments as a non-staff official during the regular season.

"The NBA was just my dream," Hwang said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I watched it on TV, right? That's it. I never, ever tried to get into the NBA by myself."

Instead, the NBA found him.

Hwang has been an official for nearly 20 years, and it wasn't always easy; he got head-butted by a coach in 2014, and he said that left him evaluating his future. But he stayed in the game and was selected by FIBA—the sport's international governing body—to be part of the referee corps for the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics. Much in the same way that NBA teams scout internationally for player talent, the NBA also scouts all over the globe for refereeing talent.

And from those Rio Games came an invitation from the NBA to come to Las Vegas for Summer League in 2017. With that, Hwang's journey really began. The league continued following his career after he returned to South Korea, building a relationship, and he eventually had a decision to make.



AP

Referee Hwang Intae looks on in the first half of an NBA preseason basketball game between the Charlotte Hornets and the Washington Wizards in Charlotte, N.C., Monday, Oct. 10, 2022.

"Intae showed an enormous amount of capacity for quick learning, quick application," said Monty McCutchen, the NBA's senior vice president overseeing referees. "He had a dream to be a part of our program. He came over here and was part of our referee development program, which we used as a way in which he could learn language and culture. He entered our pipeline through merit, not with any promise. He moved over here without any promise."

Hwang and his family moved to the U.S. in January 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic struck weeks later. Hwang, who exudes optimism, looked at that as an opportunity—and during all those months without basketball studied the G League and NBA games, plus continued working on his command of English.

He's been a G League official, now has some NBA preseason experience, and that trajectory has him on a path toward becoming a full-fledged NBA ref.

"All he did was put in the work, day in and day out," McCutchen said.

Referees have to make split-second decisions. That's why, once the invitation from the NBA came, Hwang didn't need long to make up his mind.

"I just worried about my family, my wife and my son and daughter," Hwang said. "My wife sacrificed a lot, because she couldn't speak English at all. Now she can (say) 'thank you, hi,' those kinds of things."

But his family loves it here. He's thankful for the chance. And even though his dream of becoming a basketball player never materialized—both his parents were athletes and they wanted more from their son—he's found his way into the top league in the world anyway.

"I love basketball," he said.

Hornets' Ball leaves preseason game with sprained ankle

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—Charlotte Hornets All-Star point guard LaMelo Ball sprained his left ankle in the third quarter of a preseason game against the Washington Wizards on Monday when his foot was stepped on while he was driving to the basket.

The Hornets announced that Ball will not return to the game.

Ball was driving the left side of the lane when Washington's Anthony Gill inadvertently stepped on Ball's foot, causing the third-year pro's ankle to twist awkwardly.

Ball remained on the floor for several minutes before getting to his feet and gingerly walking to the free throw line. He shot two free throws, then immediately checked out of the game and headed straight to the locker room.

AP

Charlotte Hornets guard LaMelo Ball brings the ball up court in the first half of an NBA preseason basketball game against the Washington Wizards in Charlotte, N.C., Monday, Oct. 10, 2022.

Ball is expected to undergo more tests on Tuesday.

"Fingers crossed that it is not something serious," Hornets coach Steve Clifford said.

Clifford said Ball and center Mason Plumlee, who sprained his left foot in the game and also left early, won't play in Wednesday night's preseason game at Philadelphia.

Ball is considered the centerpiece of the Hornets' offense, averaging 20.1 points, 7.6 assists and 6.7 rebounds per game last season.

Ball had nine points and six rebounds before leaving the game.

Charlotte open the regular season next Wednesday at San Antonio.

Raiders fall short of finally beating AFC West nemesis

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—The Las Vegas Raiders were oh-so-close to finally getting the best of the Kansas City Chiefs on Monday night.

Then the replay showed close wasn't good enough.

Frantically trying to rally his team in the final minute, Derek Carr threw a pretty pass down the sideline to Davante Adams, who already had hauled in touchdown catches of 58 and 48 yards. The standout wide receiver made the grab with less than a minute to go, not only giving the Raiders a first down but putting them in field-goal range position.

But almost immediately the call went to a video review, and it clearly showed Adams bobbled the ball as he stepped on the white chalk. The ball went back to the Las Vegas side of the field, and an ensuing fourth-and-1 throw was incomplete.

Final score: Chiefs 30, Raiders 29.

It was the fourth consecutive loss to the Raiders' nemesis, and their ninth in their last 10 meetings. They are 1-4 this season.

"It sucks, what our record is. We've earned that," said Carr, who fell to 1-8 at Arrowhead Stadium. "I just keep reinforcing: We have a good team. I've been on some teams that aren't as good as this one. We're doing the right things."

They did most of the way Monday night, too.

Josh Jacobs followed a career-best 144 yards rushing and two touchdowns in last week's win over Denver by running for 154 and a score against the Chiefs. Adams made a mockery of almost everybody who covered him. Maxx Crosby kept harassing Patrick Mahomes, and the rest of the Raiders defense held the vastly improved Kansas City ground game in check.

Daniel Carlson was once again perfect on three field-goal tries, running his streak to 38 in a row.

It still wasn't enough to beat Chiefs coach Andy Reid, who improved to 16-3 against the Raiders since arriving in Kansas City, or Mahomes, who is 8-1 in his career against them.

"Congratulate the Chiefs. They made a few more plays than we did," Raiders coach Josh McDaniels said. "I thought our team really battled, played the way we wanted to play, to get in front, play from ahead. Give Andy and his team a lot of credit. They fought back; we knew they would. We thought they would and figured it would be a four-quarter game. They were able to make one more play than we did. So, give them credit. We'll learn a lot from this. We competed hard tonight."

The frustration was still evident as the Raiders left the field, though. Adams roughly pushed what appeared to be a member of the camera crew to the ground as he headed up the Arrowhead Stadium tunnel to the locker room.

"He jumped in front of me coming off the field. I kind of pushed him. He ended up on the ground," Adams said later. "I want to apologize to him for that. That was just frustration mixed with him really just running in front of me.

"I shouldn't have responded that way, but that's the way I responded. I want to apologize to him for that."

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Las Vegas Raiders head coach Josh McDaniels watches during the second half of an NFL football game against the Kansas City Chiefs Monday, Oct. 10, 2022, in Kansas City, Mo. The Chiefs won 30-29.

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MIBL holds first ever basketball draft

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Players pose with their respective teams after being drafted to either La Mesa Kusina, Eats Easy, IT&E, Atkins Kroll, Latte Built, or Aqua Resort Club, during the first Fantasy Draft for the IT&E Marianas International Basketball League Fantasy Draft Tournament that will take place this November at the Agape Gym.

The Marianas International Basketball League held its first ever live basketball draft day for its inaugural IT&E MIBL Fantasy Draft Tournament last Saturday at the Kevin's Prime Rib and Seafood Restaurant of Aqua Resort Club Saipan.

With Happy Hour prices on alcohol and hors d'oeuvre, the players chowed down and drank with gusto as they waited for their names to be chosen for a team.

The teams that will brawl it out on the courts this November are La Mesa Kusina, Eats Easy, Aqua Resort Club, Atkins Kroll, Latte Built, and IT&E.

The Fantasy Draft gave six coaches the chance to hand-pick 13 players each to make up their teams.

First pick in the first round was 20-year-old veteran of the Micronesian Games, Coby Santos, for Team La Mesa Kusina. The second pick was Jeffrey Castro for Team Eats Easy, third pick was Airson Atan for Team IT&E, fourth pick was Gerald Flores for Team Latte Built, fifth pick was Greg Sablan for Team Aqua Resort Club, and sixth pick was Shane De Leon Guerrero for Team Atkins Kroll.

The basketball tourney will be held during the whole month of November and games will be held at the Agape Christian School gym every Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 7pm and 8:30pm each day. Each team will be guaranteed to play a total of three games in the tournament.

The coach for La Mesa Kusina is John Saludez, with assistant coach Jun Hernandez; the coach for Eats Easy is Clint Albert, with assistant coach Jave Sablan; the coach for Aqua Resort Club is Hank Sablan, with assistant coach Arvin Daluyen; the coach for Atkins Kroll is Dennis Guidotti; the coach for Latte Built is Matt Iguel; and the coach for IT&E is Preston Basa, with assistant coach Zack Diaz.

The rosters for each team are as follows: La Mesa Kusina's team includes Coby Santos, Mac Mintac, Djaymarch Ong, Jeffrey Che, Brian Natividad Jr. Galang, Aga Sapo, Yugie Cruz, Jerome Reyes, Gabby Camacho, Rayan Hipolito, Ace Doca, and Joel Saplan; Eats Easy's team consists of Jeffrey Castro, Jaymark De Guzman, Joseph Sablan, Gregory Deleon Guerrero, Clint Albert, Arfin Chua, JC Ferrari, Kerwin Dayao, John Hu, Daniel Li, Jay Macaraig, Sam Darag, and Jaime Antonio; Aqua Resort Club's team is Greg Sablan, Jack Aranda, Glen Aquino, Bradley Palacios, Michael Ma, Keith Santos, Terence Leung, Caleb Cui, Stephen Chen, Arvin Daluyen, Jayson Glean, and Jacky Liu; Atkins Kroll's team is Shane De Leon Guerrero, Juan Camacho, Frank Ferrer, Joel Javier, Jetsen Jandoc, Webster Taracatac, Chris Lilles, Raymond Velasco, Mark Jerome Directo, Bryan Rejano, Mario Rutab, and Joseph Ellazar; Latte Built's team is Gerald Flores, Elijah Aughenbaugh, Donovan Brennan, Francisco Mizutani, Mariano Junior Aguon, Tom Pangelinan, Katsutoshi Pangelinan, Athan Taisague, Matt Zhang, Junie Camacho, Juke Chen, Russell Hocog, and Kevin Leomo; and IT&E's team is Airson Atan, Ed Diaz, Kelvin Fitial, Jesse Santos, Preston Basa, Rodel Pastrana, Jacob Wang, Bill Li, Meljune Capalad, Ronald Esmores, David Ji, Carson Sumor, and Albert Agustin.

The Top 4 teams will go to battle in the playoffs to determine the best two teams for the championship game.

There will be medals awarded to the champions, an MVP award, and a Mythical 5 award.

The MIBL Tournament organizers thanked their "MVP sponsor IT&E and Team Managers [for] AK Toyota, La Mesa Kusina, Eats Easy, Aqua Resort Club, and Latte Built. And thank you also to Hot Deals for giving some prizes and Agape School for hosting the tournament."

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Wang earlier tallied 16 points to lift Agape to an 11-point victory over Dandan.

Hopwood-1 16, SIS 6

In other results last Friday, Hopwood held Saipan International School to two field goals for the double-digit win.

On offense, Hopwood got two field goals apiece from three players to notch their fourth victory in seven games.

Dandan 22, Chacha 8

Dandan also had an easy win in their game last Friday after outclassing Chacha Oceanview Middle School.

Shaenna Yamada paced Hopwood with her 12 points, while Ayanna Stole chipped in 6. Lean Espiritu scored all but one of Chacha's points.

Before the loss to Dandan, Chacha finally broke into the win column after dominating Hopwood 2, 21-4. Espiritu had 9 points in that victory, while Chelsea Santos contributed 6.

Chacha will play its last match for the regular season today when it faces defending champion Grace Christian Academy, which prevailed in its previous game following a 17-8 triumph over SIS.

ASAHI

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between Tokahao pitcher, George David, and Redmen pitcher, John Diaz, as the runs were limited throughout the span of the game.

Both teams came up empty in the first inning, with only one run made by the Redmen in the second inning. The hits came in the third inning, when Tokahao found their rhythm with the bat, as Jerome Delos Santos and Jeff Cruz both swung a home run to put their team up, 4-1.

However, the Redmen followed suit and scored three runs to tie the game. They added two more runs in the next inning, but could only add one more in the sixth inning, succumbing to Tokahao as they brought in the winning run in the last inning, 8-7.

Ngaraard Redmen are 6-5 and Tokahao are number two in the standings with nine wins and three losses.

Hagu La'mun, 14 Aimeliik, 3

Hagu La'mun dismembered Aimeliik as they won in a run-ruled game, 14-3.

With this win, Hagu La'mun is at 7-5 and Aimeliik is at 2-9 in the standings.

Toi Celis contributed two home runs, which brought in three of the 14 runs for his team in the third and fifth inning. The bulk of the runs were made in the first inning, when he and his teammates scored seven. Four runs were made in the fourth inning and two runs were made in the fifth and last inning, as Aimeliik blanked out in the last three innings.

Aimeliik scored three runs in the second inning and could not retaliate further.

Peleliu, 9 Man Amigos, 2

Peleliu won over No. 1 ranked Man Amigos, 9-2 and with this win, Peleliu is at 6-5 and Man Amigos is at 9-2 in the standings.

Cricket noises were heard over Man Amigos' attempts at bat over the course of six scoreless innings, only cracking through in the second inning for two runs.

It was the opposite for Peleliu as they managed to get a run in every inning besides two, and conquered the game after the Amigos went radio silent throughout.

KANOA

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goal and the last point for Kanoa to bring them up five to zilch.

Finally, with the shot clock winding down, Eleven Tiger's Tanapon Unsa scored their only goal of the game, for the final score of 5-1.

Division B games
Shirley's FC, 4 Matansa, 1

Over in the Division B games, Shirley's Football Club defeated Matansa Football in an afternoon shootout, emerging from the smoke victorious, 4-1.

The first half of the game came and went, with both teams missing their targets—but Shirley's Sean Gil aimed, kicked, and scored for the first goal of the game in the 23rd minute.

He followed up his goal later in the second half of the game, for his second goal, with Shirley's now up two in the lead. However, just three minutes later, Garret Weaver of Matansa bobbed and wove his way through the line of Shirley's defenders for their only goal of the game.

Matansa could not follow up more goals as Shirley's Risty Vergara scored one goal in the 55th minute and was hungry for seconds as he scored the fourth and final goal of the game, 4-1.

WNT Developmental Team, 1 Hana FC, 0

The women of the WNT Developmental Team showed the men of the Hana Football Club who's boss as they defeated them, 1-0.

Pia Newakl scored the lone goal in the 43rd minute.

Chang Bai Hu FC 1, Old B Bank FC, 0

Chang Bai Hu Football Club slipped past Old B Bank, 1-0, in their Division B game for their first win of the season.

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Asahi rage against Momma Charo, 10-7

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Asahi pitcher Dominic Hideo throws a pitch to a Momma Charo batter during their game which Asahi won, 10-7, in the continuation of the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

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Asahi clobbered Momma Charo, 10-7, in the first men's division game during the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League on a sunny Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

Their win came after they suffered a defeat against team Sufa from the winner's bracket in their last game before a week of delayed games due to bad weather.

With this win, Asahi leveled their standing at six wins and losses and Momma Charo is right behind them with five wins and seven losses.

Derek Sasamoto of Momma Charo drew first blood in the first inning as he batted in a run to start off the game. The rest of his team tried to follow suit but the next inning wasn't in their favor as they came up empty. Their bats could not connect with Asahi pitcher Dominic Hideo's throws until the third inning, when they put up four runs on the board, but by this time, Asahi had already created a big lead, 9-5.

Asahi's batters had an early go for the lead, batting in two runners in the first inning, and bringing in seven runs in only the second inning.

Dominic Hideo, who was the pitcher for Asahi, energetically helped his team out on the offensive side as well, as he hit three big ones out of the park and brought in four runners in three hits out of four at-bats.

The runs barely trickled in during the rest of the game as Momma Charo could only conjure two more runs in the fifth and sixth inning, while Asahi made only one more run in the last inning, for a final score of 10-7.

Tokahao, 8
Ngaraard Redmen, 7

In this tightly wound game between the Tokahao and Ngaraard Redmen, the former barely scraped by to win by one run, 8-7.

It was a pitching battle

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Kanoa FC roars past Eleven Tiger FC in MSL

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Kanoa Football Club roared easily past Eleven Tiger Football Club, 5-1, in the only Division A game for the Marianas Soccer League Fall Season 2022 last Sunday at the Northern Marianas Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Sebastien Manabat coasted swiftly across the field to find the back of the net, just five minutes into the game for the first goal for Kanoa. Teammate Brian Lubao replicated his efforts in another five minutes bringing them up early in the game, two to nil.

It seemed like Eleven Tiger was asleep through the first half of the game as they could not put anything on the board besides a goose-egg, with Kanoa already looking for their third goal. Jhoey Noble looked and found the goal as he put up Kanoa 3-0 in the 34th minute.

Eleven Tiger still hasn't responded as John Canape scored the fourth goal for Kanoa in the 43rd minute, followed by a long silence in the second half of the game.

Then Manabat, who had tamed the crouching Tigers already, roared through the goal post once again for his second

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Kanoa FC player Sebastien Manabat, in orange, is seen in action in one of the Marianas Soccer League Fall 2022 games at the Northern Marianas Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

FMS sweeps regular season

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STANDINGS

(As of Oct. 11, 2022)

Team	W	L
FMS	8	0
Tanapag	6	1
Agape	5	3
Dandan	5	3
Hopwood-1	4	3
GCA	3	4
SIS	2	6
Hopwood-2	0	8
Chacha	1	6

Francisco M. Sablan Middle school swept the two Hopwood Middle School teams in last week's games in the IT&E Interscholastic Basketball League at the Marianas High School Gymnasium to earn a perfect record going into the playoff round of the girls middle school division.

The Napu Riders first defeated Hopwood-1 last Wednesday, 23-9, and then closed out their round-robin regular season assignment with a 27-2 demolition of Hopwood-2 last Friday. FMS will enter the double-elimination playoff round that will start this Thursday seeded No. 1 with its unbeaten 8-0 record.

Rosie Saralu had her usual numbers for FMS in their duel against Hopwood-2, as she scored a game-high 17 points. She also drew support from her teammates, as four other FSM players made it to the board. Hopwood-2 fired blanks all throughout the one-sided match, getting its 2 points from the free throw line.

Against Hopwood-1, Saralu's 15 markers led FMS, which was up by only one point in the first half before taking full control of the game in the second.

Tanapag 14, Agape 11

Tanapag is assured of the No. 2 seeding in the playoffs after beating Agape last Friday.

Tanapag improved its record to 6-1 and will play its last match in the regular season today against Hopwood-1. Agape, which last Wednesday downed Dandan Middle School, 25-14, which dropped to third place with its 5-3 record.

Erica Zandueta and Kayshlie Aguon combined for Tanapag's last 7 points to ward off Agape, which drew only 6 points from its key player, Barbara Wang.

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Francisco M. Sablan Middle School players, in blue uniform, exchange high-fives with Tanapag Middle School players after their game in the IT&E Interscholastic Basketball League last Sept. 30 at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.